



Supplementary Materials for

Anti-Markovnikov alkene oxidation by metal-oxo-mediated enzyme catalysis

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I. Materials and methods

(A) All chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Fisher Scientific) and used without additional purification. The following proteins were purchased: Lysozyme (Sigma-Aldrich, product number: L6876), DNase I (GOLDBIO, catalog number D-300-5) and alcohol dehydrogenase (recombinant, from *E. coli*, Sigma Aldrich, product number: 49641).

(B) ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 300 MHz or 500 MHz, or Bruker Prodigy 400 MHz instrument, in CDCl_3 and are referenced to the residual solvent peak. Data for ^1H NMR are reported in the conventional form: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (t = triplet, q = quartet).

(C) Analytical high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was carried out on an Agilent 1260 Infinity instrument using a Poroshell 120 Eclipse column (Agilent, XDB C18, 4.6 x 5 mm, 2.7 μm) with H_2O and acetonitrile as the mobile phase. All measurements were performed with an Agilent 1260 Infinity Diode Array Detector and the wavelength at 210 nm was recorded. HPLC method for screening: Begin with 28% acetonitrile, hold for 0.3 min, linear gradient to 100% acetonitrile after 1.2 min, hold for 0.3 min, return to 28% acetonitrile from 1.5 to 1.6 min., hold for 0.75 min. Flowrate 2.5 mL/min. HPLC method for quantification: Begin with 10% acetonitrile, linear gradient to 75% acetonitrile after 7.5 min, linear gradient to 100% acetonitrile after 7.8 min, hold for 1.0 min, back to 10% acetonitrile from 8.8 to 8.9 min., keep for 1.4 min. Flowrate 1.5 mL/min. HPLC method for the quantification of α -methylstyrene and *trans*- β -methylstyrene conversions: Begin with 20% acetonitrile, linear gradient to 50% acetonitrile after 6.5 min, linear gradient to 75% acetonitrile after 7.5 min, linear gradient to 100% acetonitrile after 8.8 min, hold for 2.0 min, return to 20% acetonitrile from 10.8 to 10.9 min., hold for 1.4 min. Flowrate 1.5 mL/min.

(D) Gas chromatography (GC) analyses were conducted with a Shimadzu GC-17A instrument equipped with a flame ionization detector using an Agilent J&W HP-5 column (30 m x 0.32 mm, 0.25 μm film, part number 19091J-413) with helium as carrier gas. Injector temperature: 250°C. Split mode with a split ratio of 5. Detector temperature: 300°C. Oven temperature: 90 °C hold 2 min, 6 °C/min to 100 °C, 40 °C/min to 280°C hold 1 min, 9.17 min total.

(E) Chiral GC analysis was conducted with an Agilent 7820A instrument equipped with a flame ionization detector using an Agilent Cyclosil-B column (30 m x 0.32 mm, 0.25 μm film, part number 113-6632) with helium as carrier gas. Injector temperature: 200°C. Split mode with a split ratio of 5. Detector temperature: 300°C. Method for the separation of 2-phenylpropionaldehyde, oven temperature: Begin at 90 °C, 0.1 °C/min to 92.8 °C, 15 °C/min to 240 °C, hold 2 min. Method for the separation of 2-phenyl-1-propanol, oven temperature: Begin at 105 °C, 0.15 °C/min to 109.5 °C, 40 °C/min to 240 °C, hold 2 min. Method for the separation of 1-phenyl-2-propanol, oven temperature: Begin at 80 °C, hold 2 min, 8 °C/min to 120 °C, 12 °C/min to 170 °C, 15 °C/min to 240 °C, hold 5 min.

(F) P450_{LA1} was cloned into a pET22b(+) vector containing a C-terminal 6xHis-tag. Gene and amino acid sequence of cytochrome P450_{LA1} monooxygenase (Uniprot ID: A0P0F6) which was used as starting point for the directed evolution.

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(G) Gene and amino acid sequence of the *anti*-Markovnikov oxygenase (aMOx).

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II. General procedures

(A) Cloning and library creation. pET22b(+) was used as a cloning and expression vector for all enzymes and variants described in this study. The *E. coli* codon optimized P450_{LA1} gene (Uniprot ID: A0P0F6) was ordered from IDT containing a C-terminal 6xHis-tag. Random mutagenesis of P450's heme domain was performed by error-prone PCR using varying MnCl₂ concentrations. The resulting PCR products were digested with *DpnI*, purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and ligated into the pET22b(+) vector backbone by Gibson assembly (45). After an additional DNA purification step the plasmids were transformed *via* electroporation into *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3). Site-saturation libraries were generated employing the “22c-trick” method (46). The PCR products were gel purified, digested with *DpnI*, ligated using the Gibson assembly Mix, and used to directly transform *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3).

(B) Expression of P450 libraries in 96-well plates. The expression and screening of P450 variants was performed in 96-well plate format. Individual colonies from P450 libraries were cultivated in 500 μ L of Terrific Broth medium (100 μ g mL⁻¹ ampicillin final concentration) for 20 h at 37 °C, 250 rpm using humidity control. Expression cultures were inoculated with 50 μ L of preculture into 610 μ L of Terrific Broth medium (100 μ g mL⁻¹ ampicillin final concentration). The cultures were incubated for 4 h at 37 °C, 250 rpm, then cooled on ice for 10 min before induction (0.2 mM IPTG, 0.5 mM aminolevulinic acid, final concentration). Induced cells were shaken for 20 h at 25 °C, 250 rpm. The cells were harvested (4500 \times g, 5 min, 4 °C) and stored at -20 °C for three days.

(C) Screening of random mutagenesis libraries using the Purpald assay.(47) Buffer (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.5% glycerol by weight, 1.0 mg/mL lysozyme, 0.2 mg/mL DNase, 300 μ L/well) was added to the cell pellet and lysis was performed by incubating 4 h at 4 °C, 150 rpm. The plate was centrifuged (4000 \times g, 4 °C, 10 min) and 100 μ L of lysate were transferred with an automated liquid handling workstation to 96-well assay plates containing 5 μ L styrene/DMSO stock solution and 100 μ L NADH stock solution in buffer (10 mM styrene, 3.3 mM NADH final concentration). The plates were incubated for 2 h at 20 °C, 200 rpm. Purpald dissolved in 2 M NaOH (31 mM, 50 μ L/well) was added and the plate was incubated for 30 min at room temperature. Aldehyde activity was analyzed by measuring the absorbance at 538 nm. 1500-2500 variants were screened per generation.

(D) HPLC screening of site-saturation libraries. Buffer (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 2% glycerol by weight, 1.0 mg/mL lysozyme, 0.2 mg/mL DNase, 300 μ L/well) was added to the cell pellet and lysis was performed by incubating 4 h at 4 °C, 150 rpm. The plate was centrifuged (4000 \times g, 4 °C, 10 min) and 150 μ L of lysate were transferred with an automated liquid handling workstation to 96-well plate containing 10 μ L styrene stock solution (15 mM final concentration in DMSO) and 250 μ L NADPH/ADH stock solution (2 mM NADPH final concentration, 1 U/mL final conc. for ADH from Sigma Aldrich No. 49461). The plate was incubated for 1.5 h at 23 °C, 200 rpm. The reactions were diluted with 600 μ L acetonitrile and incubated for 30 min at room temperature. The plate was centrifuged (4000 g, 4 °C, 5 min) and 150 μ L of the supernatant were transferred to a 96-well assay plate. The amount of phenylethanol and styrene oxide was analyzed using analytical HPLC. 90 variants per site-saturation library were screened.

(E) Large scale expression of P450 variants. *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells transformed with plasmid encoding P450 variants were grown overnight in 5 mL Luria-Bertani medium (100 μ g mL⁻¹

¹ ampicillin final concentration) at 37 °C, 250 rpm. Expression cultures were inoculated with 5 mL of preculture into 500 mL Terrific Broth medium (100 µg mL⁻¹ ampicillin final concentration) in a 2 L flask and incubated for 4 h at 37 °C, 125 rpm. The flask was cooled on ice for 10 min before expression was induced (0.2 mM IPTG, 0.5 mM aminolevulinic acid, final concentration). Induced cells were shaken for 20 h at 25 °C, 125 rpm. The cells were harvested (4500×g, 5 min, 4 °C) and stored at -20 °C.

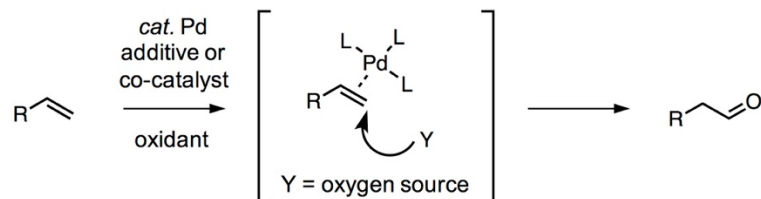
(F) Bioconversions and determination of total turnover numbers. Styrene was converted in an enzyme cascade together employing the P450 variant and alcohol dehydrogenase to determine the performance of each variant (total turnover number and *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity). Because aldehydes are prone to side reaction in buffered systems, we chose to combine our P450 with an alcohol dehydrogenase to prevent aldehyde accumulation by direct reduction to the corresponding alcohol. *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells were lysed with lysis buffer (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 2% glycerol by weight, 1.0 mg/mL lysozyme, 0.2 mg/mL DNase) for 4 h on ice followed by centrifugation (30 min, 4000×g, 4 °C). The supernatant was used as lysate in the bioconversion reactions of styrene and other substrates. The concentration of P450 enzymes in lysate was determined from ferrous carbon monoxide binding difference spectra using the previously reported protocol (48). For bioconversions, 50 µL of lysate (approx. 0.3 µM P450 final conc.) were mixed with 742 µL NADP⁺ buffer solution (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 2% glycerol by weight, 1 mM NADP⁺ final conc.) containing 10 U ADH (Sigma Aldrich No. 49461) and 1 % isopropanol for NADPH cofactor regeneration. 8 µL substrate stock in DMSO (5 mM final substrate conc.) were added to start the reaction in 2 mL screw-top glass vials. The bioconversion was stopped by adding 800 µL acetonitrile after incubating 2 h at room temperature (400 rpm). The sample was incubated for 30 min at room temperature, centrifuged for 5 min. (14000×g, 25 °C) and the supernatant was analyzed by analytical HPLC. Calibration curves were determined for quantitative HPLC analysis using commercially available, authentic standards. The total turnover numbers (TTN) were calculated as ratio of product and P450 concentrations. The *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity was calculated by conc. alcohol / (conc. alcohol + conc. epoxide). The reactions were performed in triplicate from at least two biological replicates. For chiral GC measurements, the reaction was stopped after 2 h by extracting two times with 500 µL ethyl acetate, combined and used for analysis.

(G) P450_{LA1} purification. *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells were lysed with lysis buffer (3 mL / g cell pellet, 0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 10% glycerol by weight, 10 mM imidazole, 1.0 mg/mL lysozyme, 0.2 mg/mL DNase) for 4 h on ice followed by centrifugation (35 min, 20,000×g, 4 °C). The protein containing a C-terminal 6xHis-tag was purified by loading the supernatant on a nickel NTA column (1 mL HisTrap HP, GE Healthcare, Piscataway, NJ) using an AKTA purifier. The column was washed with 4 column volumes buffer A (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 10% glycerol by weight, 10 mM imidazole) and the protein was eluted using a linear gradient from 100% buffer A to 100% buffer B (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 10% glycerol by weight, 10 mM imidazole) over 10 column volumes. The combined fractions were dialyzed with 3 L buffer (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 10% glycerol by weight) and concentrated. 50 µL aliquots were frozen using liquid nitrogen and stored and -20°C.

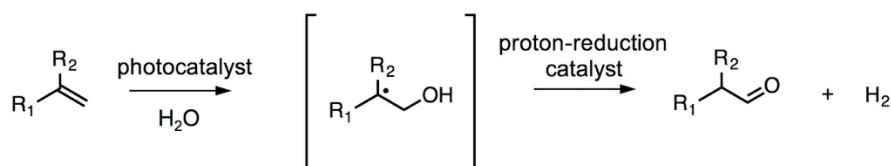
III. Supporting Figs. S1 to S11

Fig. S1 Summary of catalytic strategies for direct and sequential *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of alkenes.

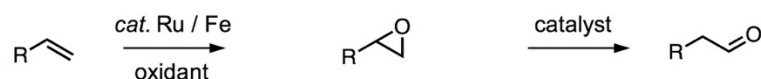
Modified Wacker oxidation



Dehydrogenative oxygenation (dual catalytic approach)

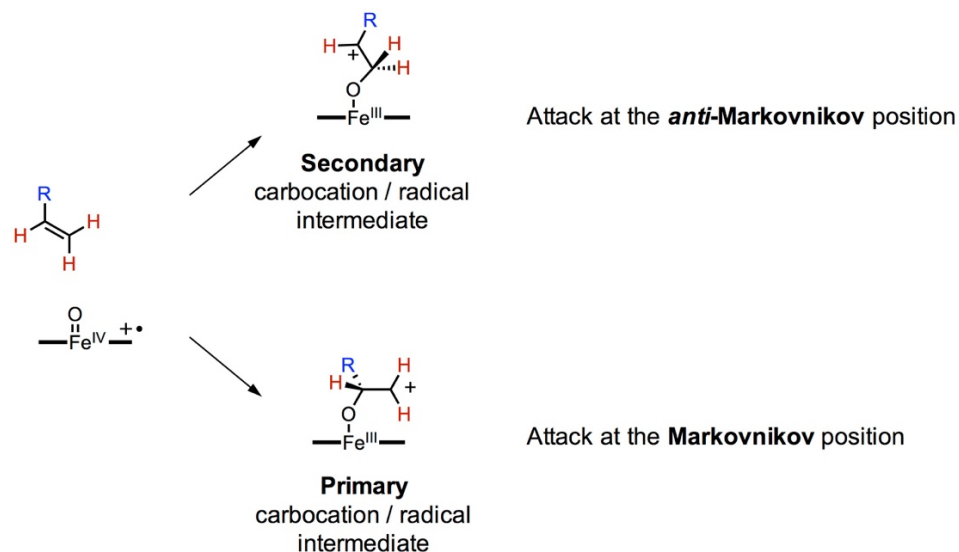


Tandem epoxidation isomerization cascade (with epoxide intermediate)



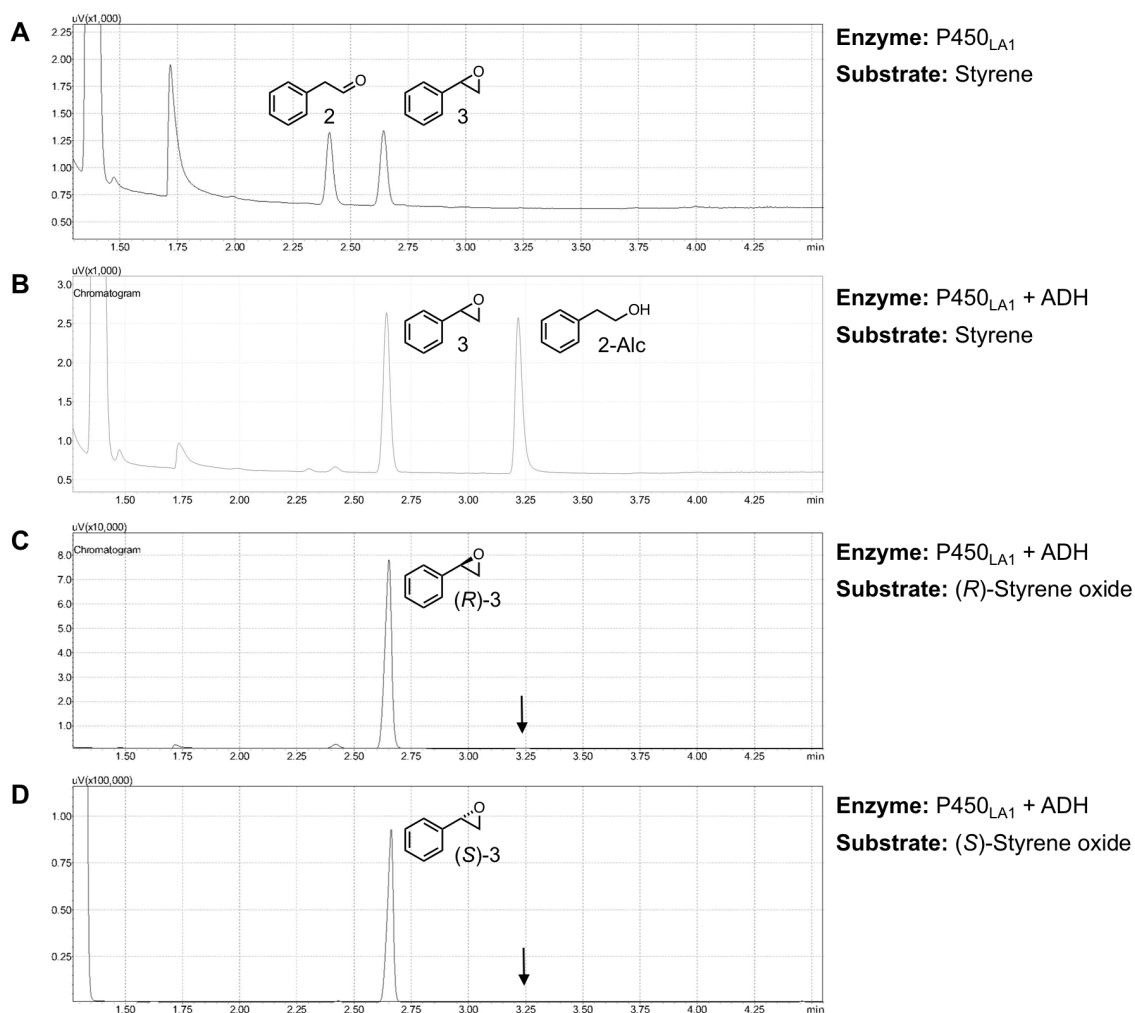
Catalytic protocols for *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation follow three major strategies: a modified Wacker oxidation, a dehydrogenative oxygenation approach, and a tandem epoxidation isomerization cascade. Strictly speaking, the tandem epoxidation-isomerization cascade is not a direct *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation. This cascade proceeds in a sequential manner via an epoxide intermediate that is rearranged in a second step. All current protocols either depend on precious metals performing with low turnover numbers (29, 49–60) often combined with substrates bearing directing groups (58–60), do not offer enantiocontrol (29, 49–63), utilize complex catalysts that require multistep synthesis (56, 61) and/or use stoichiometric amounts of terminal oxidants such as iodosylbenzene which generate stoichiometric amounts of waste (29, 49, 55, 57, 59–62). Catalysts that use earth-abundant metals for aerobic direct *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation are unknown, and enantioselective *anti*-Markovnikov oxidations are out of reach (**Table S1**).

Fig. S2 Selectivity in the metal-oxo-mediated *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of alkenes.



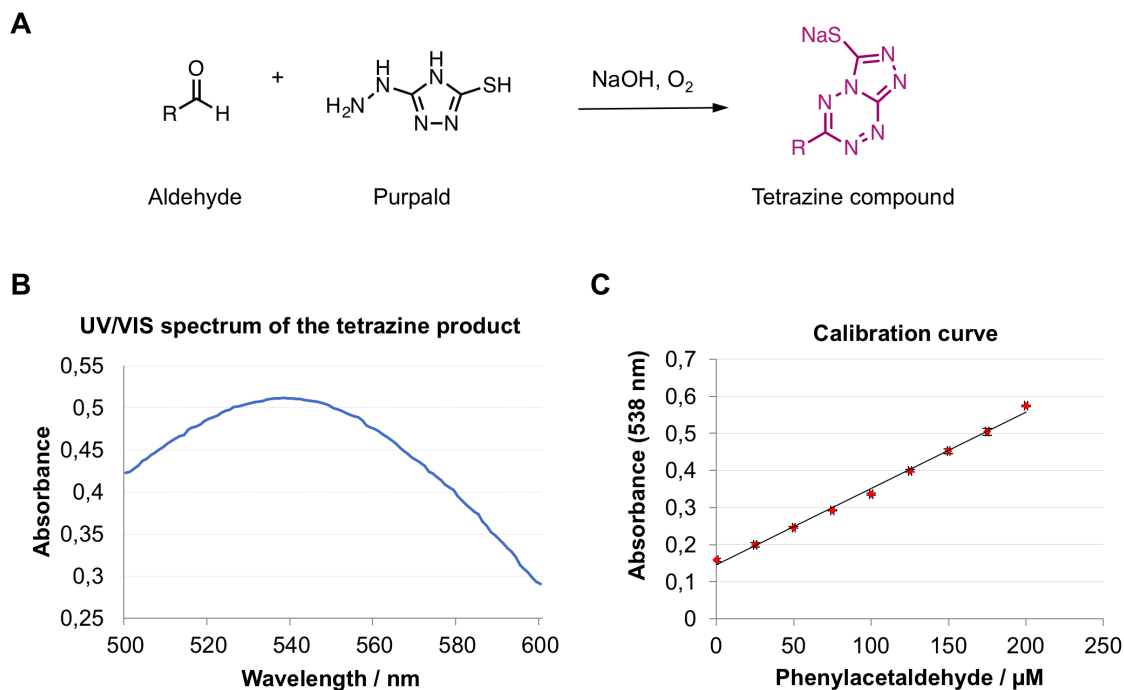
The *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity in this reaction is most likely a consequence of the relative energies of the high-energy intermediates in the catalytic cycle. The *anti*-Markovnikov reaction proceeds via the more stabilized secondary carbocation / radical intermediates. Markovnikov selectivity could be achieved via the less-stabilized primary carbocation / radical intermediates. However, Markovnikov oxidation products have not been observed.

Fig. S3 The P450_{LA1}-catalyzed *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation is a direct oxidation without an epoxide intermediate.



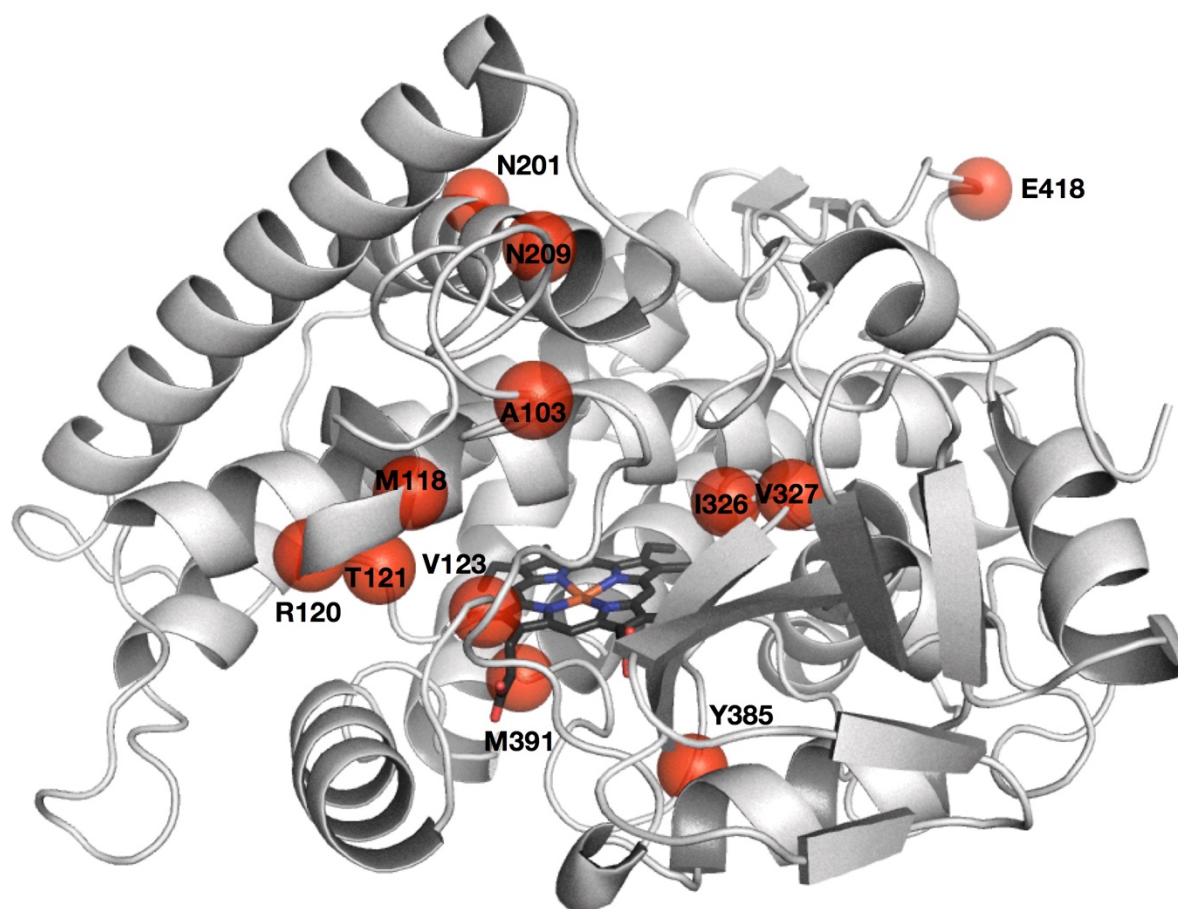
(A) GC chromatogram after conversion of styrene with P450_{LA1}. The reaction yields the corresponding phenylacetaldehyde **2** and styrene oxide **3**. (B) Same reaction as A, but in the presence of an alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH). The ADH reduces phenylacetaldehyde **2** to the corresponding 2-phenylethanol **2-Alc** and recycles the cofactor by isopropanol oxidation. Chromatograms in (C) and (D) are derived from the conversion of (*R*)- and (*S*)-styrene oxide. Neither epoxide enantiomer was converted using the P450_{LA1} ADH cascade, thus demonstrating that epoxides are not substrates for P450_{LA1} and not intermediates in the catalytic cycle. Thus, P450_{LA1} catalyzes a direct *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation and not an epoxidation-isomerization sequence as suggested previously (18).

Fig. S4 Purpald assay for high-throughput colorimetric aldehyde quantification.



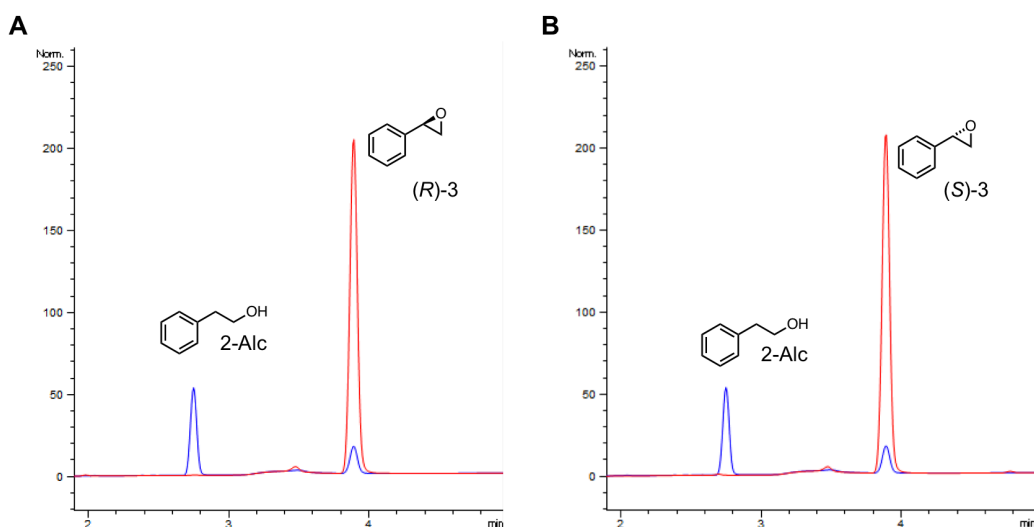
(A) The Purpald reagent (47) was used to quantify aldehyde concentration in high-throughput. Purpald forms a cyclic aminal with aldehydes that rapidly get oxidized to the corresponding purple-colored tetrazine. (B) The UV/VIS spectrum of the tetrazine product shows a maximum at 538 nm, which was used as the absorbance wavelength in the assay. (C) Tetrazine formation, measured as absorbance (538 nm), shows linear dependence on the phenylacetaldehyde concentration.

Fig. S5 Predicted protein structure of the P450_{LA1} heme domain.



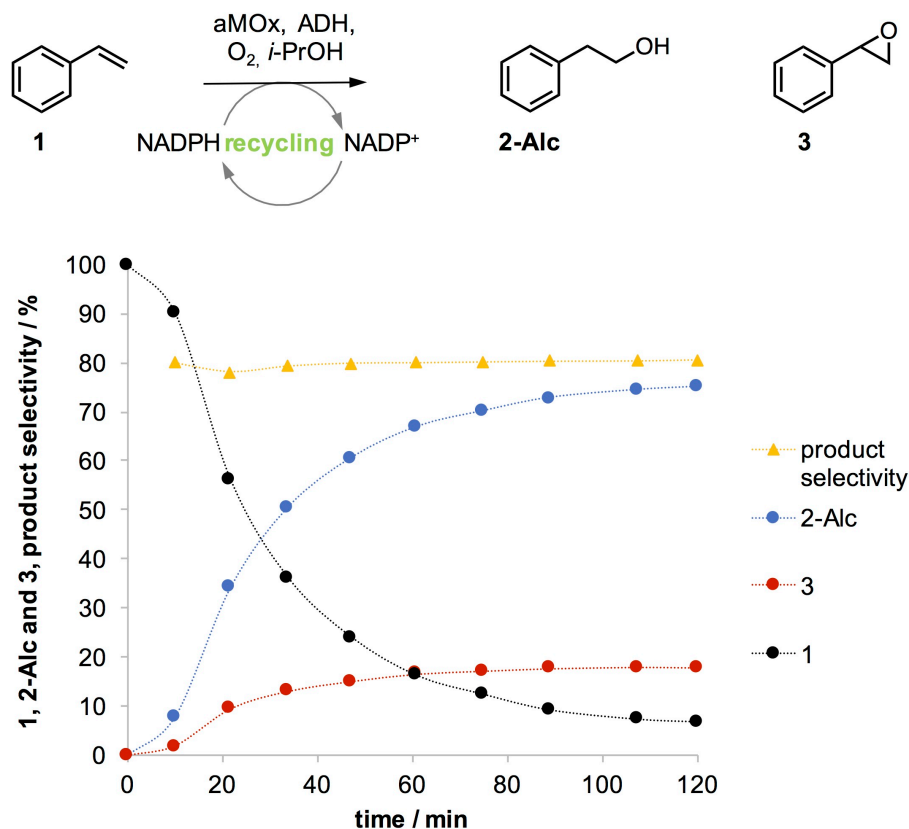
The structure of the P450_{LA1} heme domain was predicted using I-Tasser (64), SWISS-MODEL (65) and Phyre2 (66). The P450_{LA1} heme domain has low sequence identity (<50%) with structurally characterized P450s. The structure prediction tools generated models based on the structures of the P450 monooxygenase PikC (PDB ID: 2WHW) (67) and a P450 from *Streptomyces peucetius* (PDB ID: 5IT1) (68). The mutations identified in the screening of random mutagenesis libraries are distributed over the heme domain (T121A, N201K, N209S, Y385H and E418G). All five mutations contribute to the improved activity, but only the T121A mutation, believed to be in the active site based on these homology models, significantly enhanced selectivity for the *anti*-Markovnikov product (from 45% to 55%). These homology models were used to identify potential active site amino acids for iterative site-saturation mutagenesis (21). The following potential active site amino acids were mutated and screened during the course of laboratory evolution: L97, A103, Y116, A117, M118, N119, R120, A121, M122, V123I, N124, H206, S207, A275, V278, S325, I326, V327, W329, R330, S428 and F429 (see Table S2 for more details). In addition, the highly conserved amino acids of the heme binding site (Cys ligand loop) were targeted for site-saturation mutagenesis: F383, G384, Y385 (H385 in P450_{LA1} wild type), G386, S387, H388, Q389, M391, G392 and K393.

Fig. S6 The aMOx-catalyzed *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation is a direct oxidation without an epoxide intermediate.



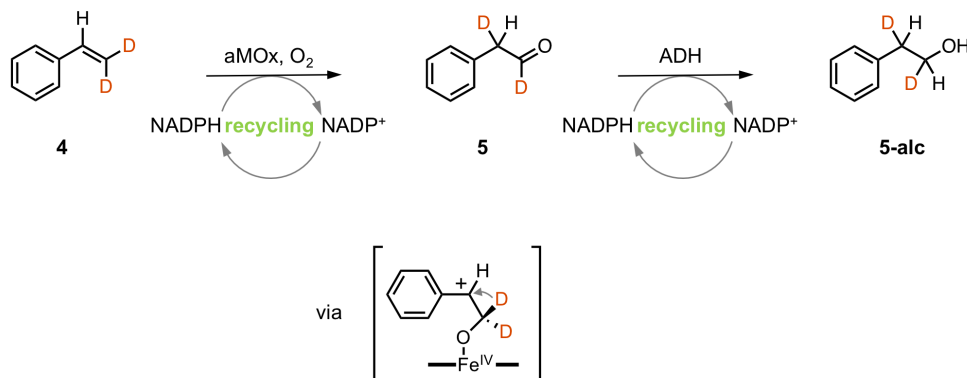
P450_{LA1} wild type did not show any epoxide aldehyde isomerization activity (see Fig. S3). To prove that laboratory evolution did not generate isomerization activity, the corresponding (*R*)- and (*S*)-epoxides were incubated with aMOx using the standard biotransformation protocol. This standard protocol includes an alcohol dehydrogenase and cofactor recycling system to reduce the generated aldehyde to the corresponding alcohol **2-alc**. Since neither the (*R*)- nor the (*S*)-epoxide enantiomer were converted under these conditions, the epoxide is not an intermediate of the catalytic cycle. **(A)** HPLC chromatogram of a sample (blue) containing phenylethanol **2-Alc** and styrene oxide **3** is compared to the biotransformation of (*R*)-**3** (red). No aldehyde or alcohol formation was observed. **(B)** HPLC chromatogram of a sample (blue) containing phenylethanol **2-Alc** and styrene oxide **3** is compared to the biotransformation of (*S*)-**3** (red). No aldehyde or alcohol formation was observed.

Fig. S7 Time course for conversion of styrene to products.



Conversion of styrene **1** with aMOx. Since aldehydes are prone to side reactions in water, the aldehyde product of the aMOx reaction was directly converted to the corresponding alcohol **2-alc** using an enzyme cascade with an alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH). The ADH has dual function in that it also recycles the NADPH cofactor by isopropanol oxidation. The time course of the reaction demonstrates constant product selectivity for **2-Alc** and **3** (yellow triangles), which supports the proposed mechanism of direct *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation without an epoxide intermediate. Reaction conditions: 2 mM alkene, 1.0 μ M aMOx, 10 units ADH, 1% *i*-PrOH, 0.2 equiv. NADP⁺, 2 h reaction time at room temperature.

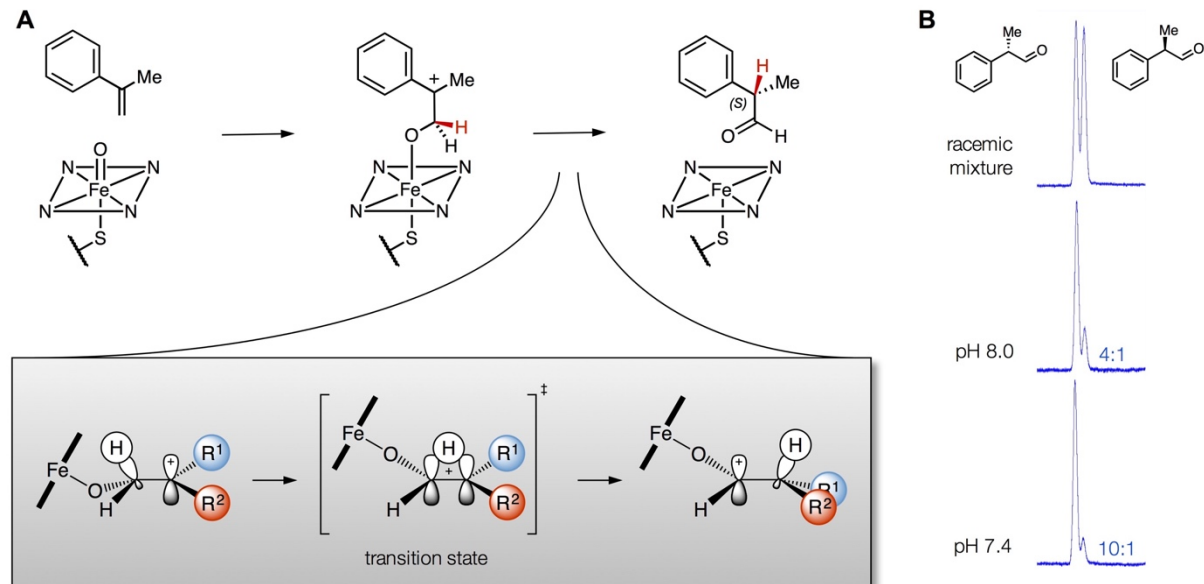
Fig. S8 Isotopic labeling experiment.



To confirm that a 1,2-hydride shift is part of the aMOx cycle, deuterium-labeled styrene **4** was used as substrate. Since aldehydes are prone to racemization in buffered medium, the aldehyde product **5** of the aMOx step was directly converted to the corresponding alcohol **5-alc** using an enzyme cascade with an alcohol dehydrogenase. The deuterated styrene **4** showed conversion and *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity identical to the non-deuterated styrene. The isolated alcohol product **5-alc** was analyzed by NMR and compared to a commercial standard without deuterium label. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the isotopically labeled alcohol product clearly shows an integral of only one H at the benzylic position (see NMR spectra below). In addition, the ¹³C NMR spectra reveal a triplet for the benzylic carbon which is in accordance with C-D coupling.

For the biotransformation, 4.2 mL *E. coli* lysate (for preparation see general procedures, 0.25 μM final aMOx conc.) were mixed with 81.2 mL NADP⁺ buffer solution (0.1 M NaH₂PO₄, pH 8.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 2% glycerol by weight, 500 μM NADP⁺ final conc.), containing 600 U ADH (Sigma Aldrich No. 49461) and 1 % isopropanol for NADPH cofactor regeneration. 0.85 μL styrene-β,β-d₂ substrate stock in DMSO (5 mM final substrate conc.) were added to start the reaction. The bioconversion was incubated 1 h at 23°C (200 rpm). The crude product was extracted with 75 mL of a 1:1 mixture ethyl acetate / *n*-hexane (three times). The combined organic phase was dried with MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The isolated oil was purified by with column chromatography using silica gel (ethyl acetate : *n*-hexane = 1:10 to 1:4, v:v) to yield **5-alc** (7.5 mg, 14%) as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.06 (m, 3H), 3.88-3.81 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.82 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.39, 129.02 (2C), 128.60 (2C), 126.49, 63.29 (t), 38.74 (t) ppm.

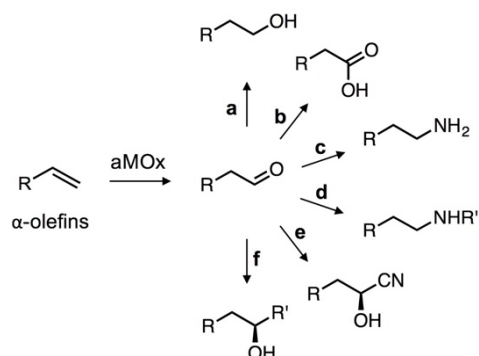
Fig. S9 aMOx-catalyzed enantioselective *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of α -methylstyrene.



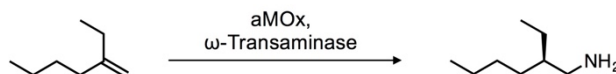
(A) Proposed mechanism for the *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of alkenes. Since isotopic labeling confirmed a 1,2-hydride migration as part of the catalytic cycle, we propose that the stereocenter is generated by controlling the enantioselectivity of the 1,2-migration. The enzyme can achieve this by locking the substrate in a specific conformation that pre-aligns the orbitals for the carbocation 1,2-rearrangement. This suprafacial 1,2-shift (grey box) is believed to proceed in a concerted fashion (25, 44). (B) Traces of chiral gas chromatography analyses are compared. Racemic mixture (top), enzymatic trans-formation at pH 8.0 (middle) and enzymatic transformation at pH 7.4 (bottom). The reactions were performed as described for the *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydrations with the following changes: NADH was used in equimolar concentration to the substrate (5 mM) in the absence of alcohol dehydrogenase to prevent aldehyde reduction. The reactions were stopped after 10 minutes to avoid racemization of the stereocenter in the buffered solution. The reactions at pH 7.4 revealed a higher enantioselectivity, most likely due to reduced racemization.

Fig. S10 Potential enzymatic platform for *anti*-Markovnikov functionalization of alkenes.

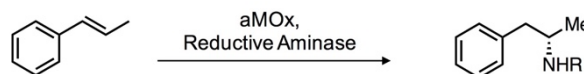
Potential synthetic metabolic pathways using aMOx



Example with a 1,1-disubstituted alkene

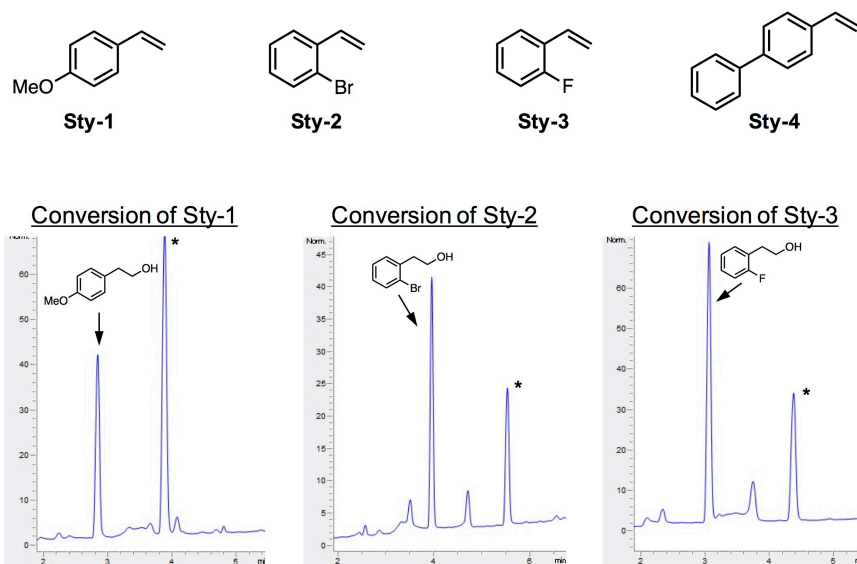


Example with an internal alkene



The *anti*-Markovnikov oxygenase (aMOx) can be viewed as the key enzyme in an enzymatic or microbial platform for various challenging *anti*-Markovnikov functionalization reactions (3). We have demonstrated that aMOx can be combined with alcohol dehydrogenases to catalyze *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydrations. Since carbonyl compounds are substrates for many biocatalysts, various *anti*-Markovnikov functionalization reactions of alkenes can be envisioned by constructing synthetic metabolic pathways or *de novo* multi-enzyme cascades (27, 69). (a) alcohol dehydrogenases (70); (b) aldehyde dehydrogenases or aldehyde oxidases (71, 72); (c) ω -transaminases or imine reductases (35, 73); (d) imine reductases, reductive aminase or Pictet-Spenglerases (73–75); (e) hydroxynitril lyases (76); (f) aldolase or ThDP-dependent lyases (77, 78).

Fig. S11 Examples of additional substrates tested for *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration using aMOx and an alcohol dehydrogenase.



The *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of the styrenes **Sty-1-3** showed product formation with low to moderate selectivity for the primary alcohol (see HPLC chromatograms). The peaks labeled with asterisk correspond most likely to the epoxide oxidation product. No product formation could be observed with **Sty-4** as substrate. The reactions were performed using our standard conditions (see section F in general procedures). Because aMOx is fully genetically encoded, the catalyst can be readily optimized by further directed evolution to expand the substrate scope.

IV. Supporting Tables S1 to S3

Table S1 Summary of known catalytic examples for direct and sequential *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of alkenes.

Type	Alkene	Terminal oxidant	Catalyst	Total turnover numbers	Selectivity [†] in %	Reference
Modified Wacker oxidation	Styrene	H ₄ [PMo ₁₁ VO ₄₀] 1.2 equiv.	PdCl ₂ 12 mol%	<10	86	(57)
	Phtalimide protected allylic amines [‡]	O ₂ *	Pd(MeCN) ₂ Cl(NO ₂) 5 mol% CuCl ₂ 20 mol%	<20	94-100	(58)
	Allylic esters [‡]	<i>p</i> -benzoquinone 1.0 equiv.	PdCl ₂ (PhCN) ₂ 0.5-2.5 mol%	40-140	88-95	(59)
	Allylic amides [‡]	<i>p</i> -benzoquinone 1.0 equiv.	PdCl ₂ (MeCN) ₂ 5 mol%	<20	88-99	(60)
	Styrenes	<i>p</i> -benzoquinone 1.15 equiv.	PdCl ₂ (MeCN) ₂ 2.5 mol% <i>t</i> -BuOH	<40	96-100	(29, 49)
	Aliphatic alkenes	O ₂ *	PdCl ₂ (PhCN) ₂ 5-12 mol% CuCl ₂ 5-12 mol% AgNO ₂ or NaNO ₂ 5-6 mol%	<20	50-96	(50–53)
	Styrenes	O ₂ *	PdCl ₂ (MeCN) ₂ 10 mol% 2,5-Pyrroledione 10 mol%	<10	85-100	(54)
Epoxidation-isomerization reaction	Styrenes	2,6-dichloropyridine <i>N</i> -oxide 1.03 equiv.	Ru(IV)-porphyrin 1-2 mol%	<100	--	(55)
	Styrenes	O ₂ *	Ru(IV)-porphyrin 0.5-2 mol%	35-198	--	(56)
	Styrenes and aliphatic alkenes	Iodosylbenzene 1.1 equiv.	Fe(III)-porphyrin 2 mol%	22-47	--	(61)
	Styrenes and aliphatic alkenes	Iodosylbenzene 1.5 equiv.	Fe(BF ₄) ₂ *6H ₂ O 2 mol% pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid 2 mol%	19-48	--	(62)
Dehydrogenative oxygenation	β -alkyl styrenes	H ₂ O	9-mesityl-10-methylacridinium perchlorate 5 mol% Co(dmgh) ₂ PyCl 3 mol%	6-20	--	(63)

*Aerobic *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of alkenes depend on precious Pd/Ru catalysts.

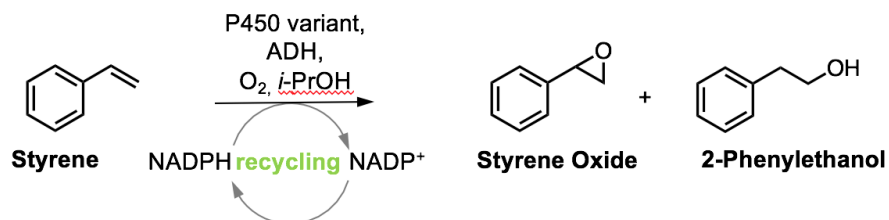
[†] *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity (in comparison to Markovnikov selectivity).

[‡] Substrate controlled *anti*-Markovnikov selectivity.

Table S2 Summary of directed evolution for alkene *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation.

Round	Parent	Library	Mutations identified
1	P450 _{LA1} wild type	Random mutagenesis of the heme domain 2 mutations / 1000 bp	N201K, Y385H, T121A, I198M
2	P450 _{LA1} wild type	Recombination of hits identified in round 1	N201K, Y385H, T121A
3	N201K, Y385H, T121A	Random mutagenesis of the heme domain 3.5 mutations / 1000 bp	N209S
4	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S	Random mutagenesis of the heme domain 2.5 mutations / 1000 bp	E418G
5	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G	Site-saturation mutagenesis A121X, V123IX, H206X, I326X, W329X, F429X	V123I, I326V
6	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V	Site-saturation mutagenesis M118X, S207X, A275X, V278X	M118L
7	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L,	Site-saturation mutagenesis A117X, N119X, R120X, M122X, N124X, S325X	R120H
8	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M	Site-saturation mutagenesis Y116X, V327X, R330X, S428X	V327M
9	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M	Site-saturation mutagenesis L97X, A103X	A103L
10A	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V	Site-saturation mutagenesis F383X, G384X, H385X, G386X, S387X, H388X, Q389X, M391X, G392X, K393X	H385V, G386A, S387Y, Q389N, M391L
10B	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M, A103L	Combination of mutations identified in 10A into final variant of round 9	H385V, M391L

Table S3 Activity of P450 variants generated by directed evolution for the *anti*-Markovnikov oxidation of styrene.

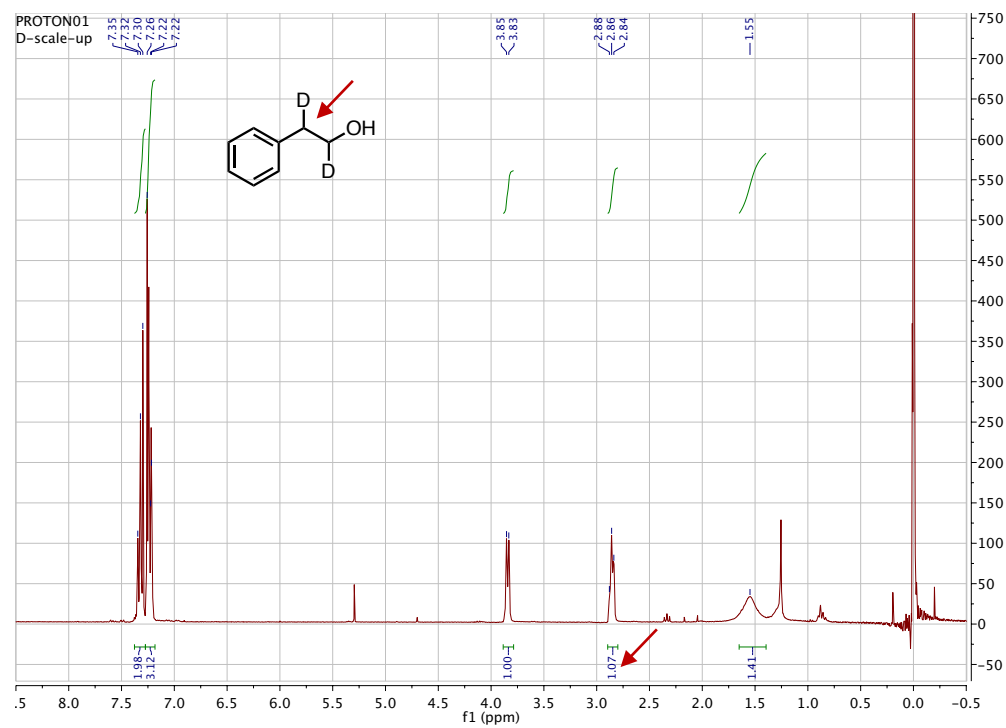
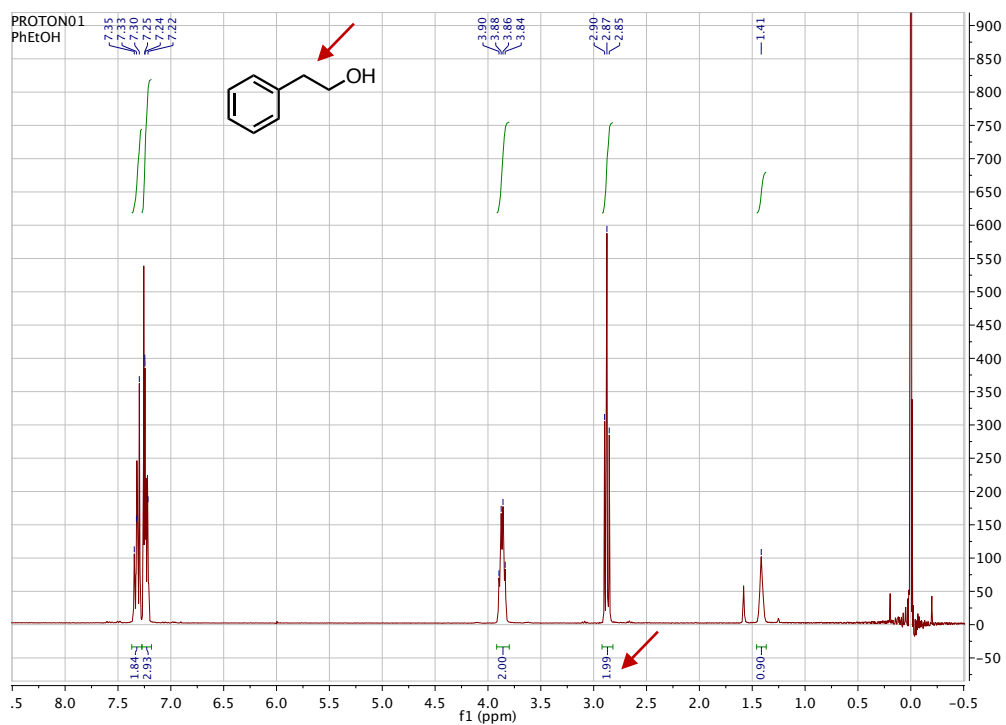


Round	Variant	TON \pm SD	<i>Anti</i> -Markovnikov selectivity (calc. as % alcohol product)
Parent	P450 _{LA1} wild type	99 \pm 5	45
1A	N201K, Y385H	190 \pm 0	45
1B	T121A, I198M	390 \pm 15	55
2	N201K, Y385H, T121A	520 \pm 2	55
3	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S	750 \pm 7	55
4 (= P7)	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G	1200 \pm 50	54
5	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V	1600 \pm 167	62
6	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L	1800 \pm 24	68
7	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H	2500 \pm 51	72
8	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M	3500 \pm 126	76
9	N201K, Y385H, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M, A103L	3700 \pm 78	78
10 (aMOx)	N201K, T121A, N209S, E418G, V123I, I326V, M118L, R120H, V327M, A103L, M391L, H385V	3800 \pm 99	81

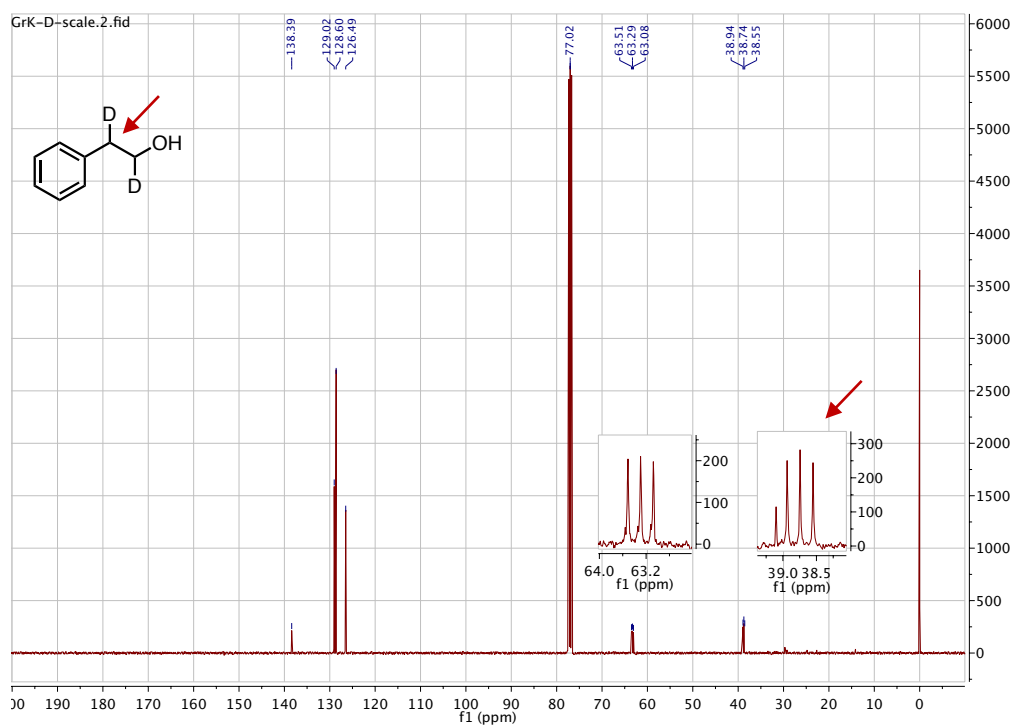
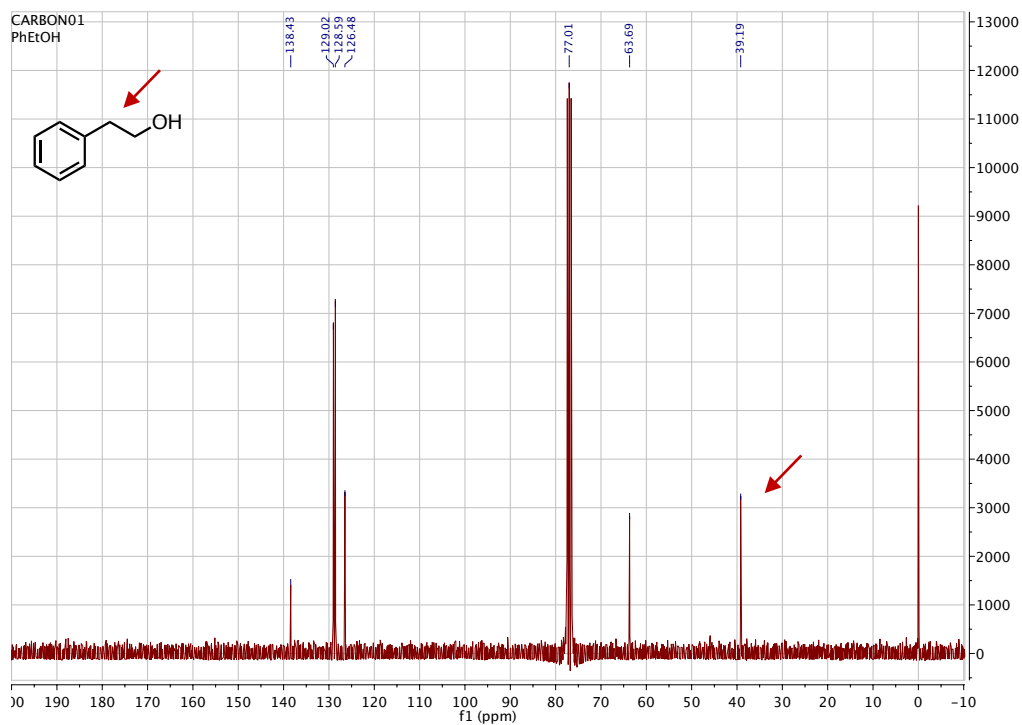
- Round 1 to 4 are based on colorimetric screening of random mutagenesis libraries of the heme domain using the Purpald assay.
- Round 5 to 10 are based on HPLC screening of libraries generated by site-saturation mutagenesis.

V. NMR spectra of the isotopic labeling experiment

(a) ^1H NMR spectra comparison of 2-phenylethanol (standard) and 2-phenylethanol-1,2- d_2 (product of the enzymatic conversion).



(b) ^{13}C NMR spectra comparison of 2-phenylethanol (standard) and 2-phenylethanol-1,2- d_2 (product of the enzymatic conversion).



VI. Preparative scale reactions

General protocol. To optimize the system for high conversion, we worked with a reduced substrate loading (2 mM final concentration) that enabled efficient cofactor recycling with the current setup. Purified aMOx (1.0 μ M final conc., 0.05 mol% catalyst) was mixed in a flask with NADP⁺ (0.4 mM final conc., 0.2 equivalents), alcohol dehydrogenase (10 U/mL, Sigma Aldrich, 49641) and alkene (2 mM final conc., 100 mM stock solution in 1:1 DMSO and isopropanol) in a phosphate buffer system (100 mM sodium phosphate, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 2.0% glycerol). Preparative scale reactions were performed with 40 and 60 mg starting material (0.23 – 0.50 mmol scale). The reactions were carried out in 500 mL flasks by incubating the mixture for 2 h at room temperature (120 rpm). The reaction was extracted with ethyl acetate/hexanes 4:1 (three times, 100 mL, 50 mL and 35 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

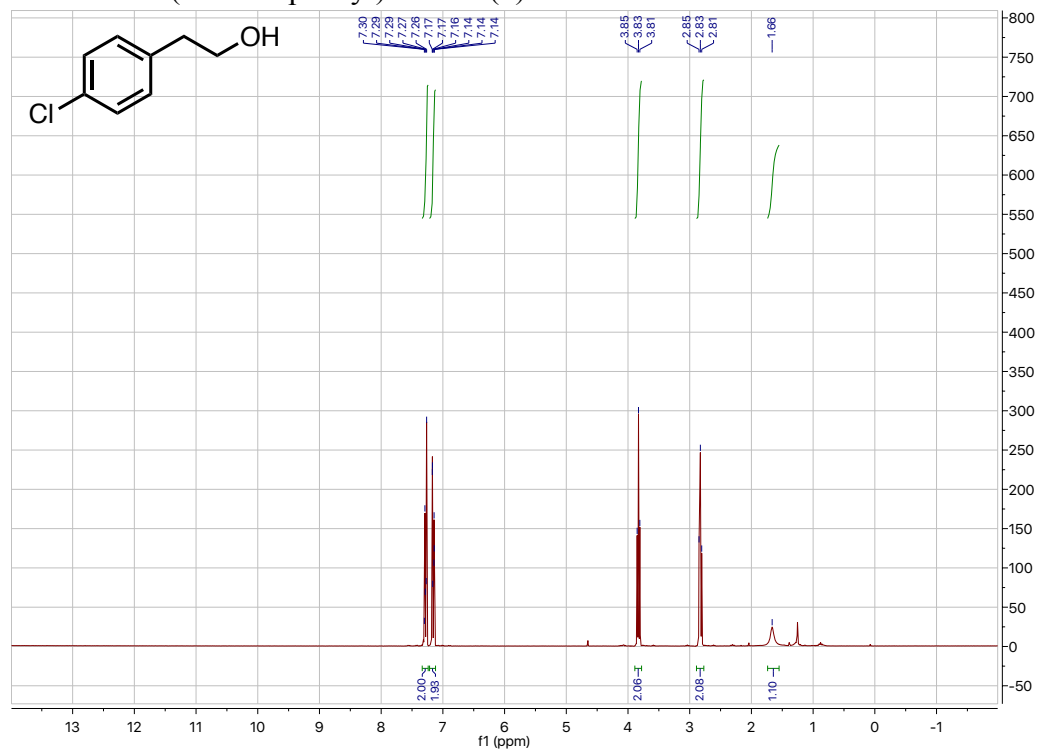
2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethanol (8): The reaction was performed on 0.25-mmol scale. The product was purified by column chromatography (9 – 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes). Isolated 35.9 mg (82% yield, 1600 TTN). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.14, 132.38, 130.47, 128.76, 63.56, 38.57.

2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanol (9): The reaction was performed on 0.23-mmol scale. The product was purified by column chromatography (9 – 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes). Isolated 31.3 mg (73% yield, 1500 TTN). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.96 (q, J = 1.2 Hz), 129.48, 128.95 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 125.56 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.45 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 63.38, 39.05; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.45.

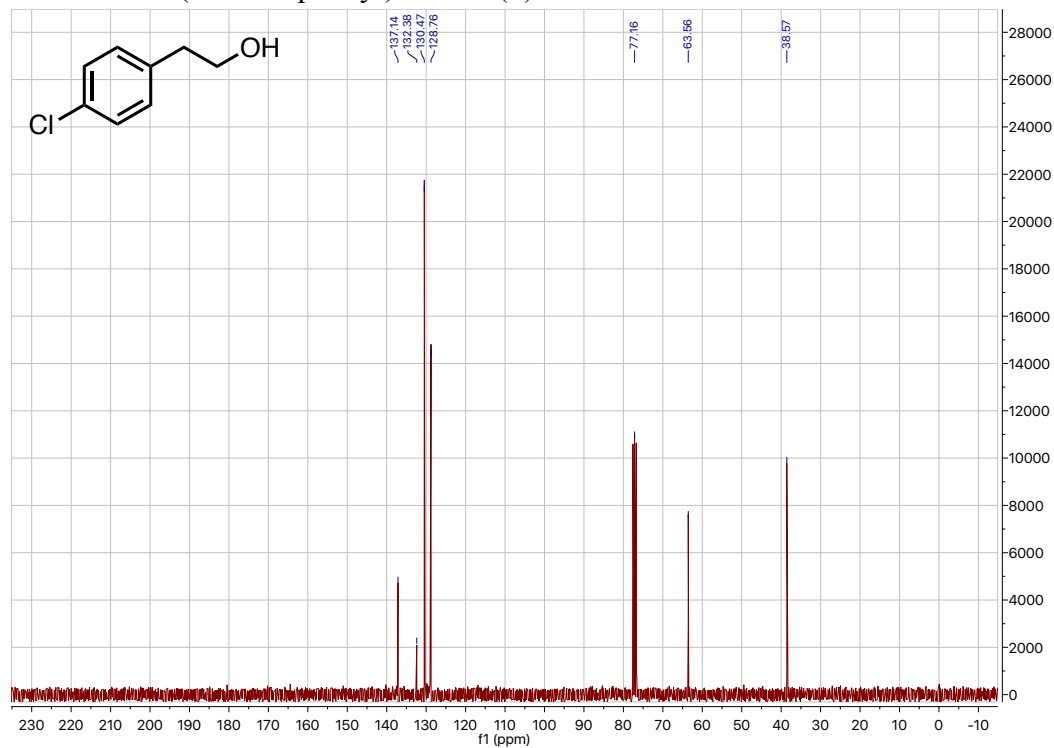
(S)-1-Phenyl-2-propanol (16): The reaction was performed on 0.50-mmol scale. The product was purified by column chromatography (9 – 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes). Isolated 19.1 mg (28% yield, 560 TTN, >99:1 er). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.07–3.98 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.62, 129.52, 128.68, 126.62, 69.02, 45.92, 22.93.

VII. NMR spectra for preparative scale reactions

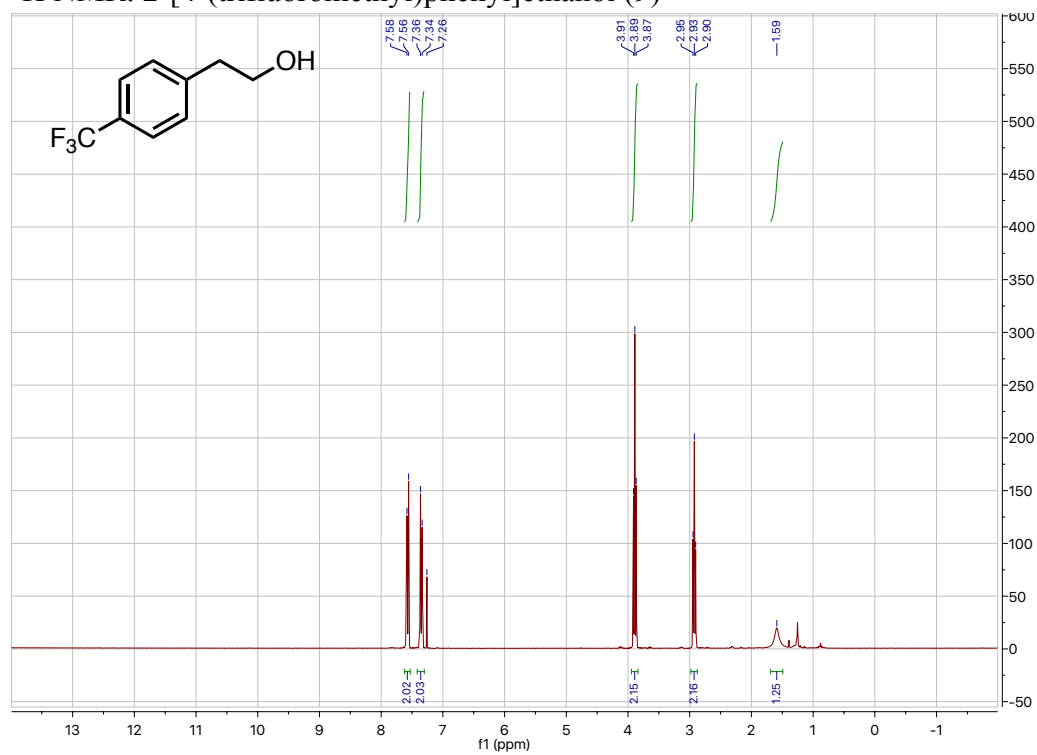
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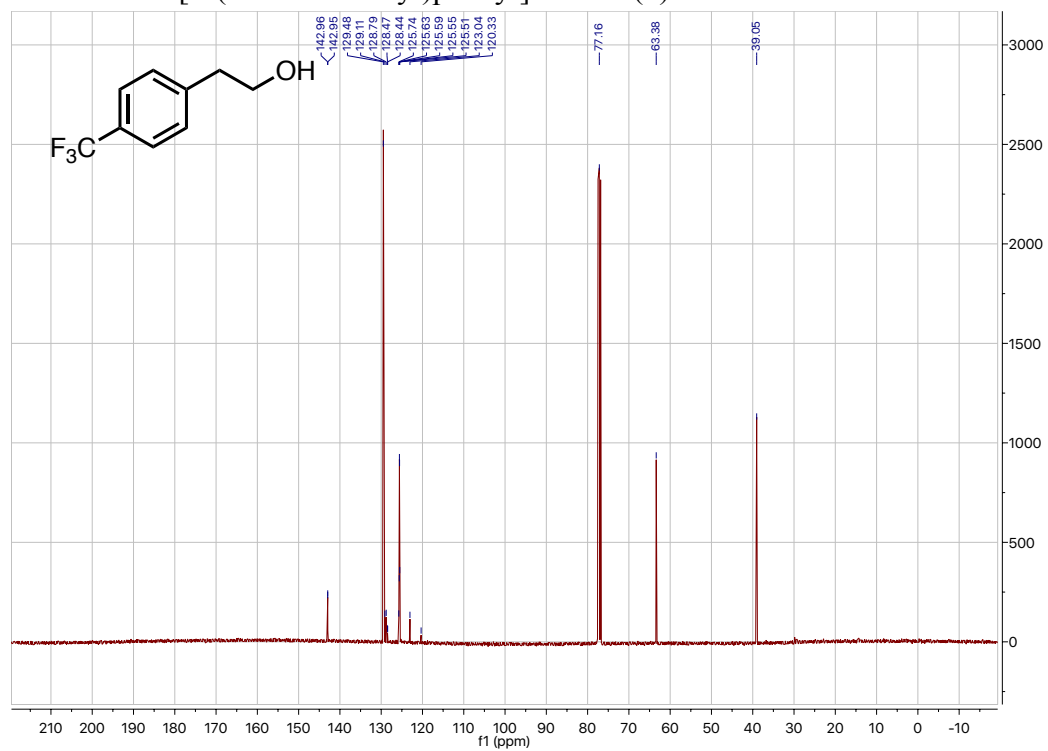
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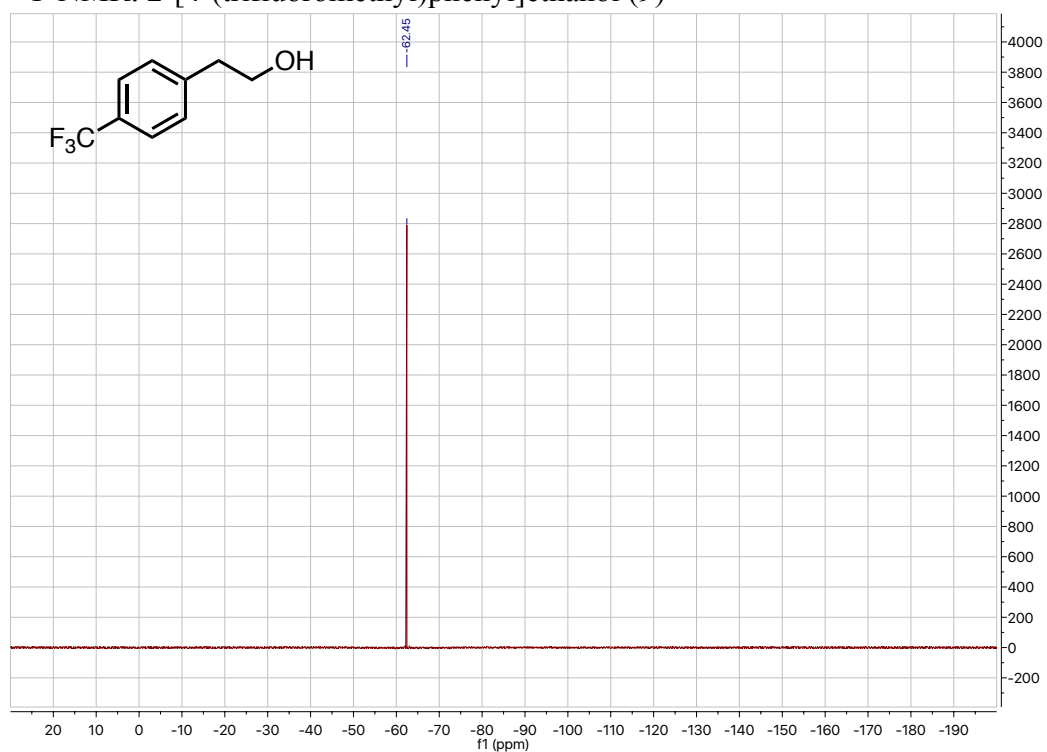
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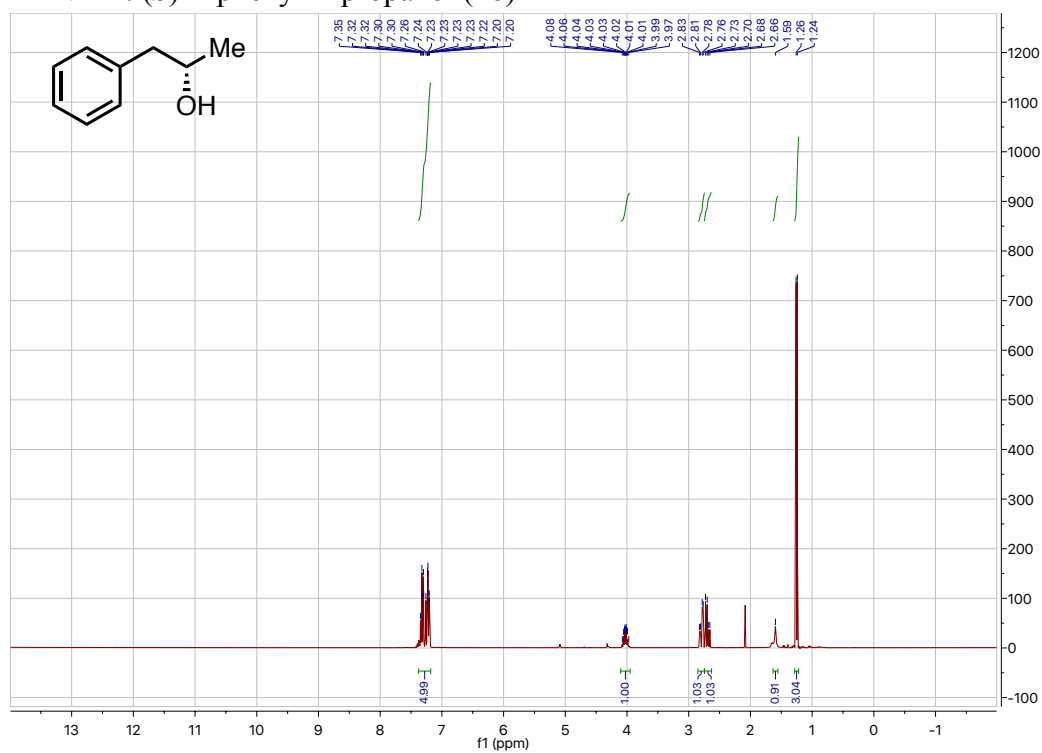
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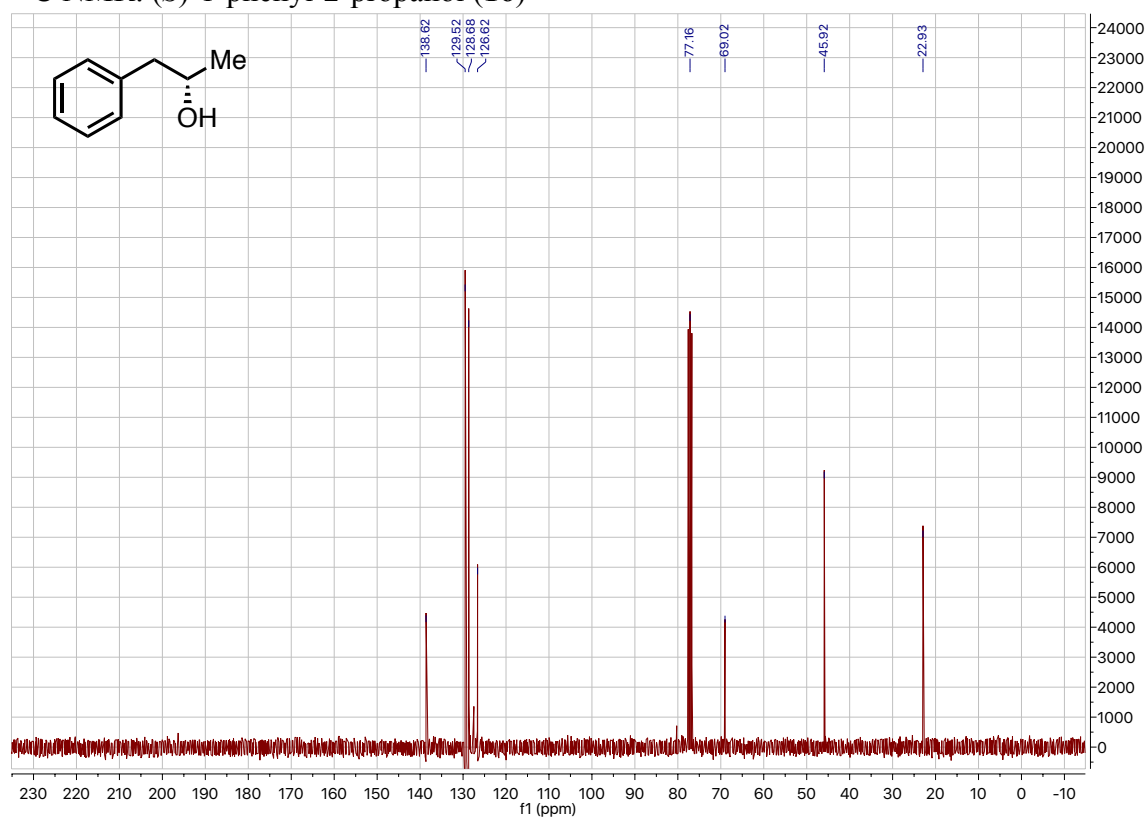
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^1H NMR: (*S*)-1-phenyl-2-propanol (**16**)



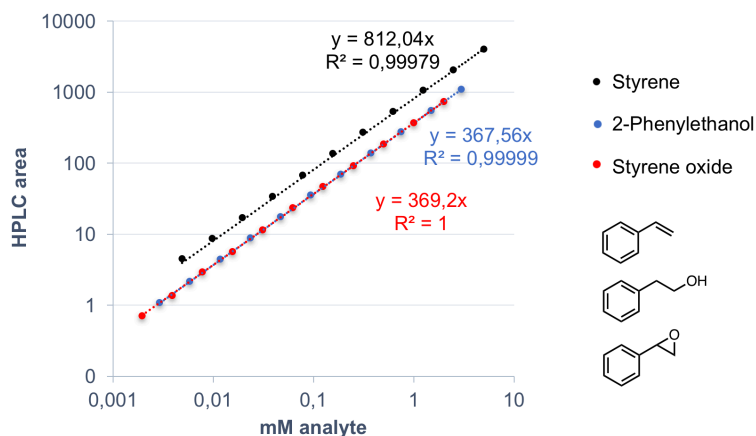
^{13}C NMR: (*S*)-1-phenyl-2-propanol (**16**)



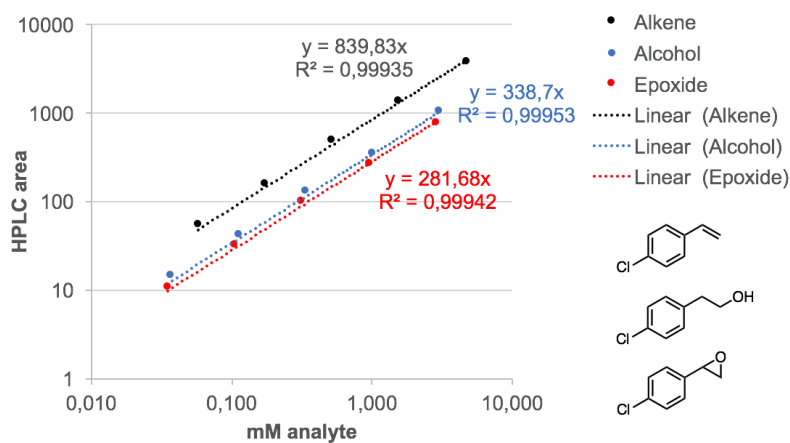
VIII. HPLC calibration curves

(a) **HPLC calibration:** External standard calibration curves were created for quantitative HPLC analysis using commercial standards.

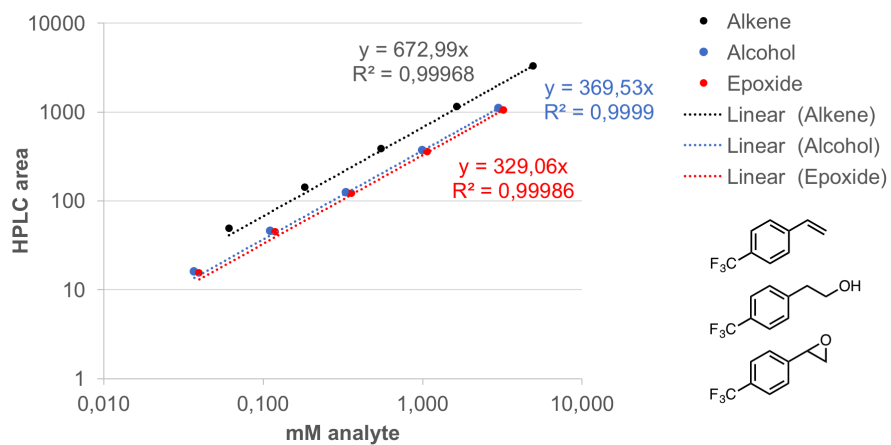
(b) Calibration curves for styrene, 2-phenylethanol and styrene oxide at 210 nm.



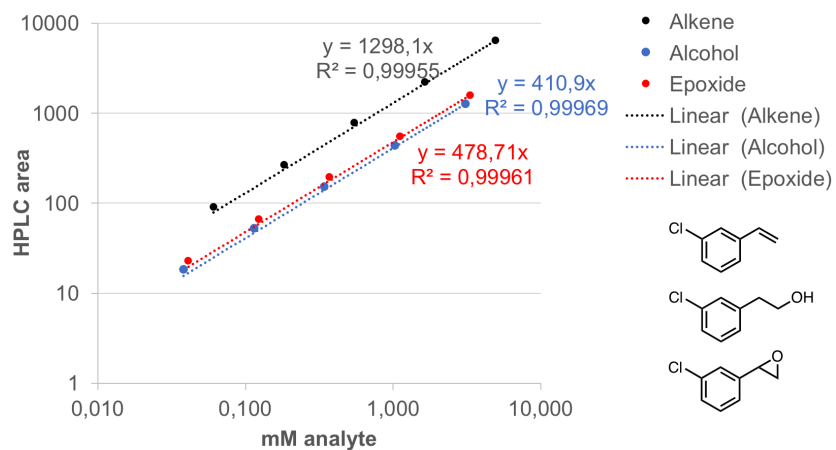
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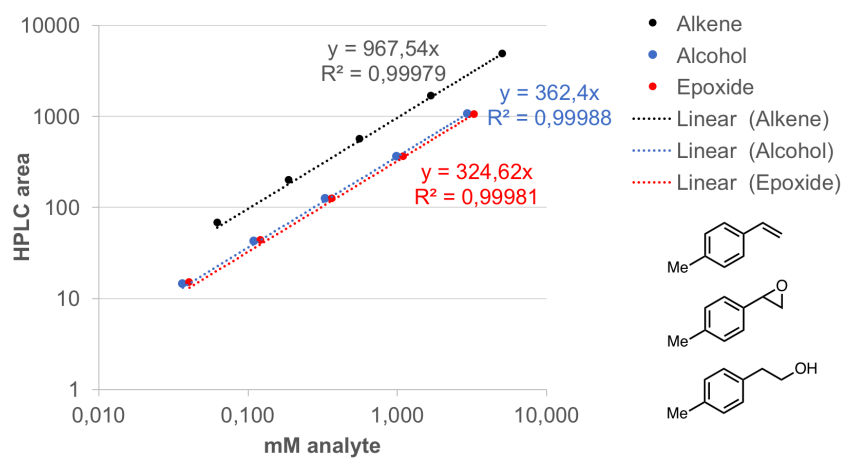
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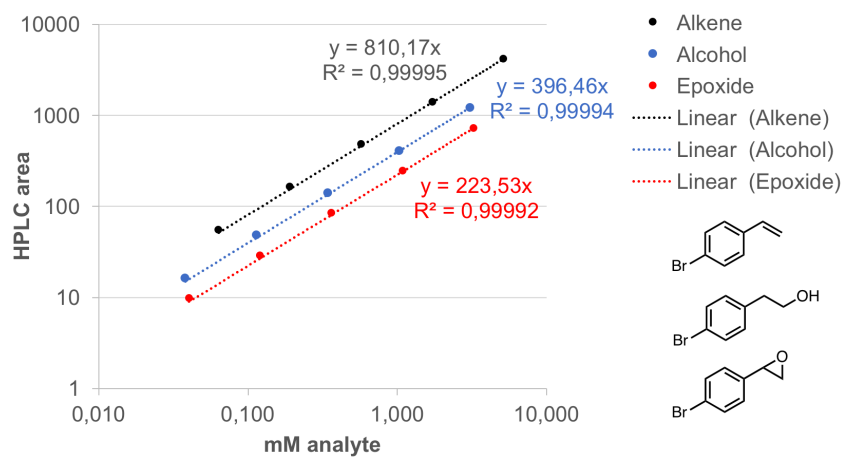
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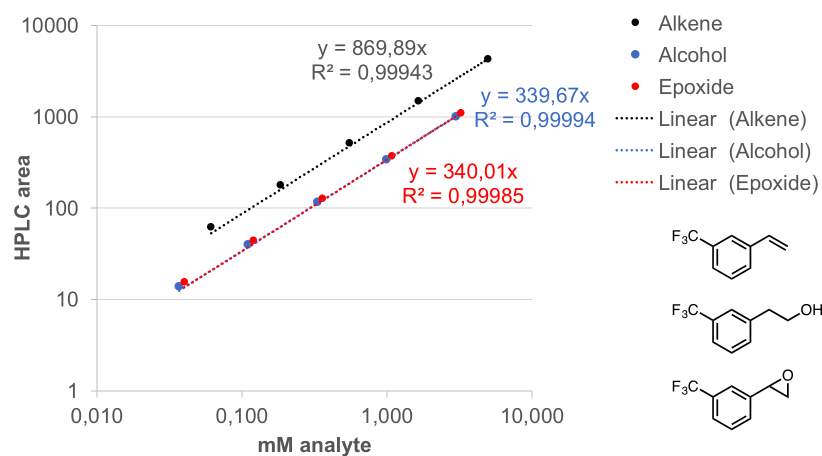
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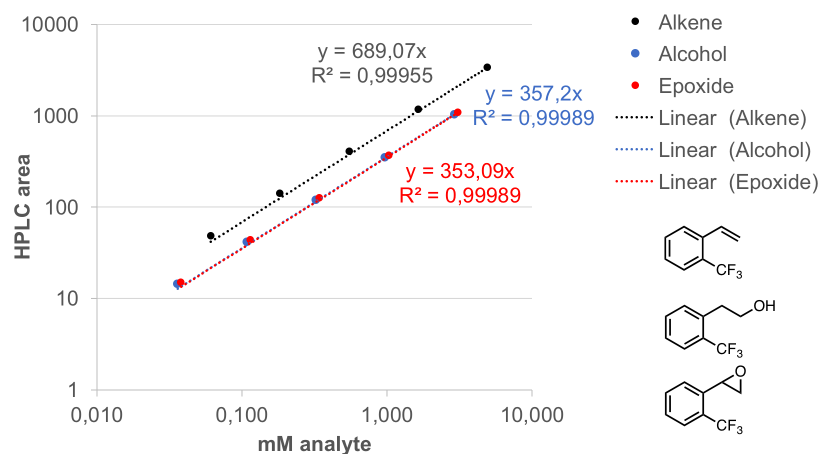
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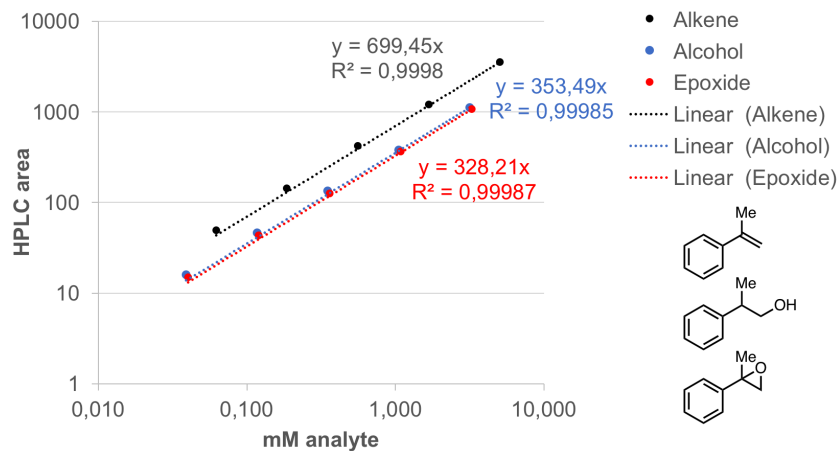
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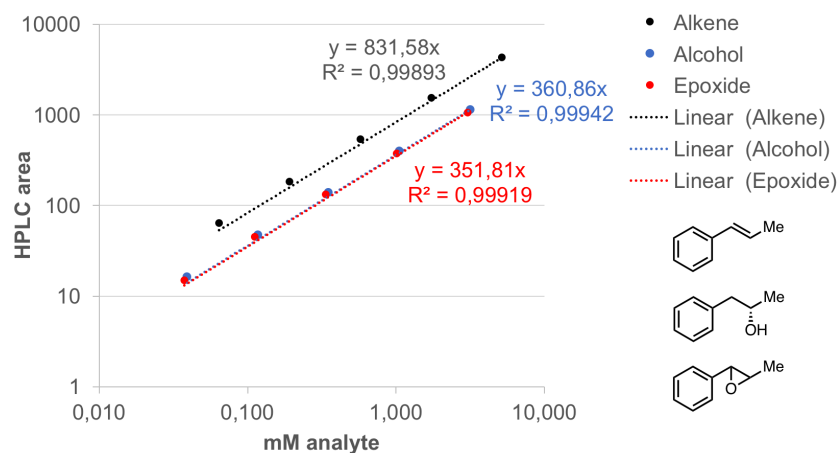
(i) Calibration curves for 2-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanol and 2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]oxirane at 210 nm.



(j) Calibration curves for α -methylstyrene, 2-phenyl-1-propanol and 2-methyl-2-phenyloxirane at 210 nm.



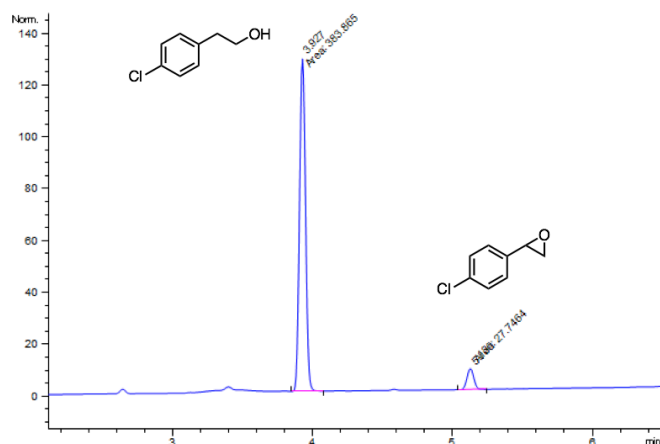
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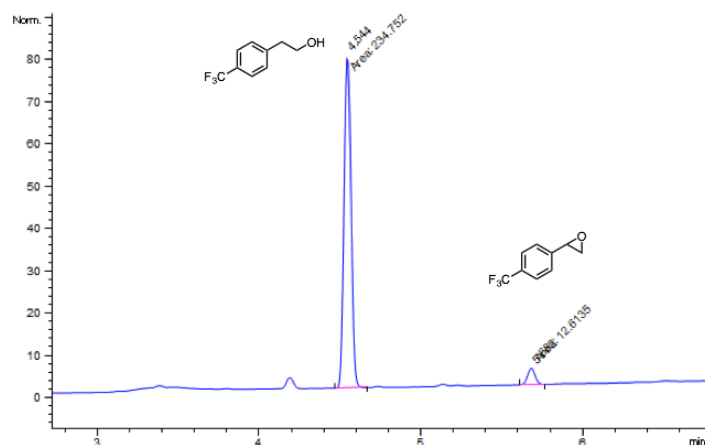
IX. HPLC traces for *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration

(a) Product identities were confirmed by retention time and additionally by HPLC co-injections of reaction mixtures with standard molecules. The recovery of the starting material was calculated for each run and was between 92.5 and 106.9%. The average recovery was 98.7%. The reactions are not optimized for conversion at this stage. Depending on the substrate, conversions of 5.5 to 45% were achieved in these proof-of- concept biocatalytic *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydrations. Representative HPLC traces are shown below.

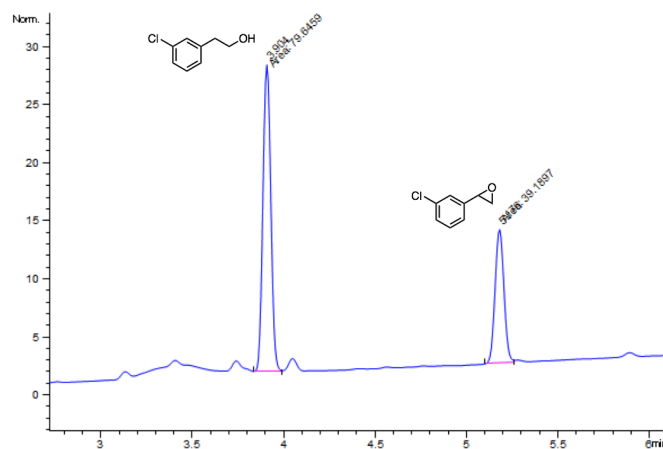
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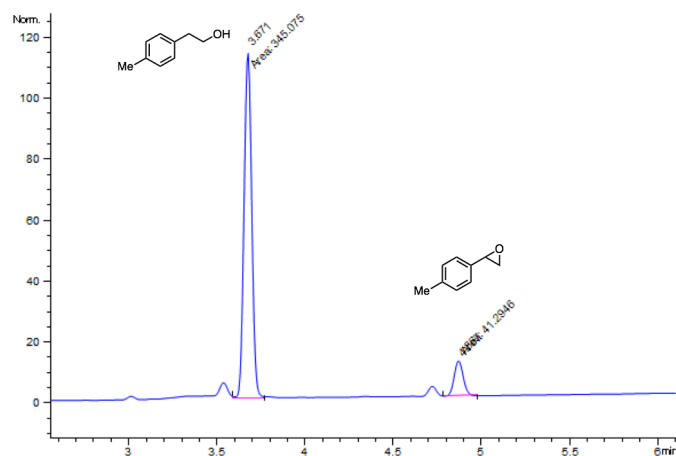
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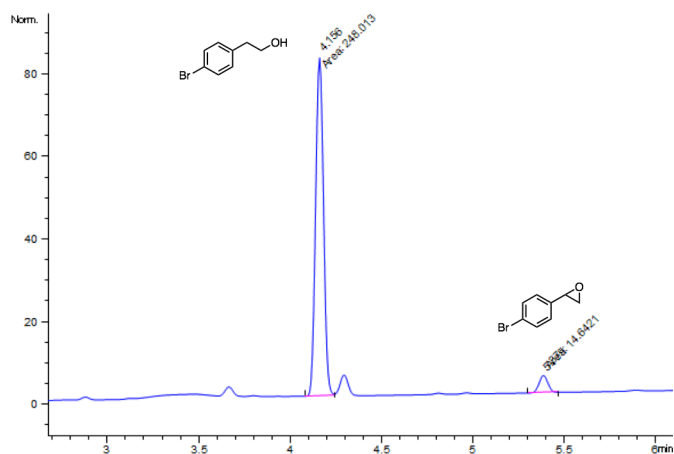
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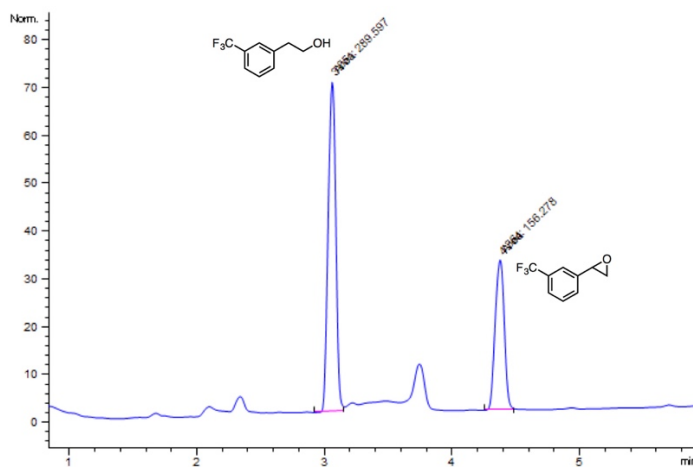
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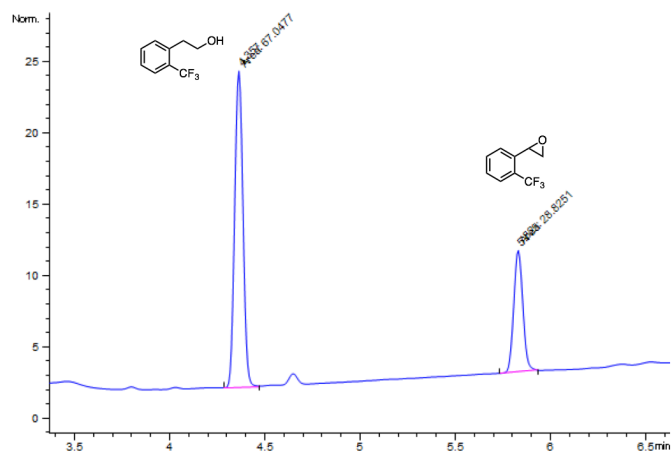
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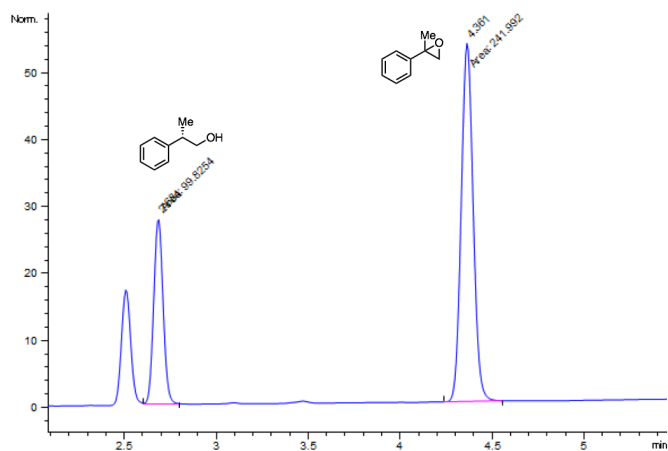
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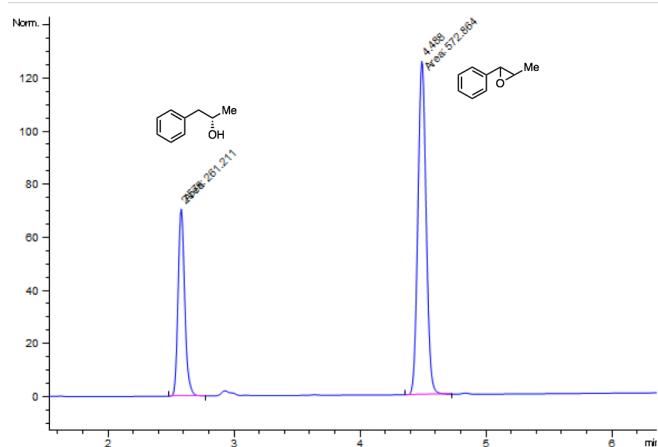
(h) Product ratio as analyzed by HPLC for the *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of 2-(trifluoromethyl)styrene measured at 210 nm.



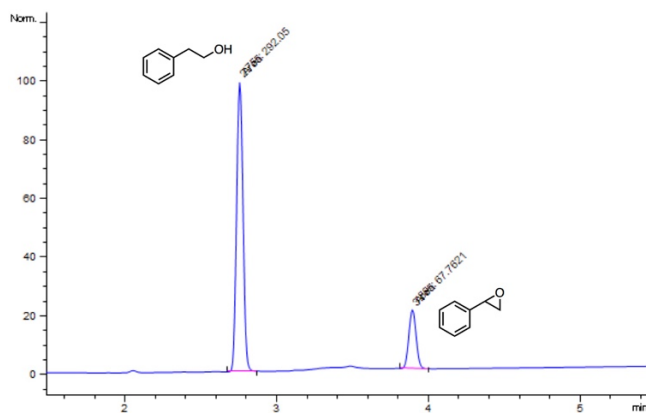
(i) Product ratio as analyzed by HPLC for the *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of α -methylstyrene measured at 210 nm (the peak at 2.5 min corresponds to the allylic oxidation product, which was generated as a side product).



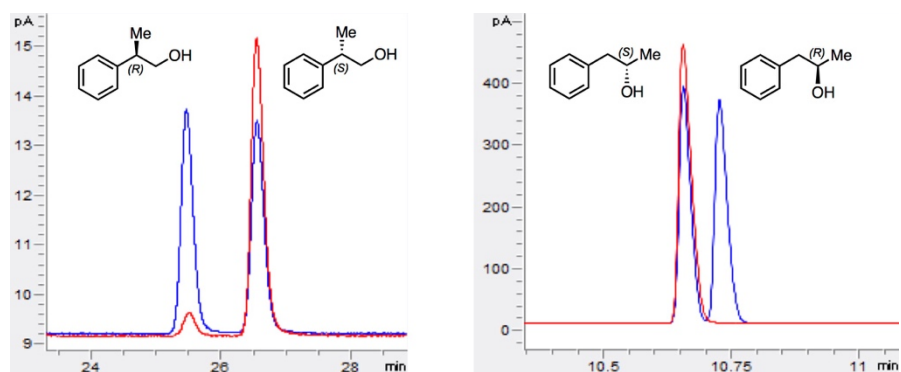
(j) Product ratio as analyzed by HPLC for the *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of *trans*- β -methylstyrene measured at 210 nm.



(k) Product ratio as analyzed by HPLC for the *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of styrene measured at 210 nm.



X. Chiral GC analysis for enantioselective *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration



The figures show chiral GC traces for *anti*-Markovnikov redox hydration of α -methylstyrene (left) and β -methylstyrene (right). Each figure shows the products of enzymatic conversion (red) in comparison to the racemic standard (blue).

XI. NMR characterization and spectra of standard compounds

Characterization of reaction products. Authentic standards corresponding to enzymatic reaction products were bought from Sigma or custom synthesized by TCI America. All products are known compounds, and their spectral data are in agreement with reported values.(79–84)

2-Phenylethanol: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35–7.21 (m, 5H), 3.86 (t, $J=6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J=6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.60, 129.16, 128.70, 126.59, 63.80, 39.32.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (8): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 2H), 3.83 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, $J=6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.55 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.14, 132.38, 130.48, 128.77, 63.56, 38.58.

2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanol (9): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.57 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.96 (q, $J=1.2$ Hz), 129.47, 128.92 (q, $J=32.4$ Hz), 125.56 (q, $J=3.8$ Hz), 124.45 (q, $J=273.71$ Hz), 63.36, 39.04; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.45.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)ethanol (10): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 1H), 3.85 (q, $J=6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.54 (t, $J=5.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.79, 134.42, 129.90, 129.24, 127.35, 126.78, 63.43, 38.91.

2-(4-methylphenyl)ethanol (11): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.13 (s, 4H), 3.84 (q, $J=6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, $J=6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.50 (t, $J=5.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 136.13, 135.40, 129.40, 129.03, 63.90, 38.86, 21.15.

2-(4-bromophenyl)ethanol (12): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.83 (q, $J=6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, $J=5.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.68, 131.73, 130.88, 120.43, 63.49, 38.65.

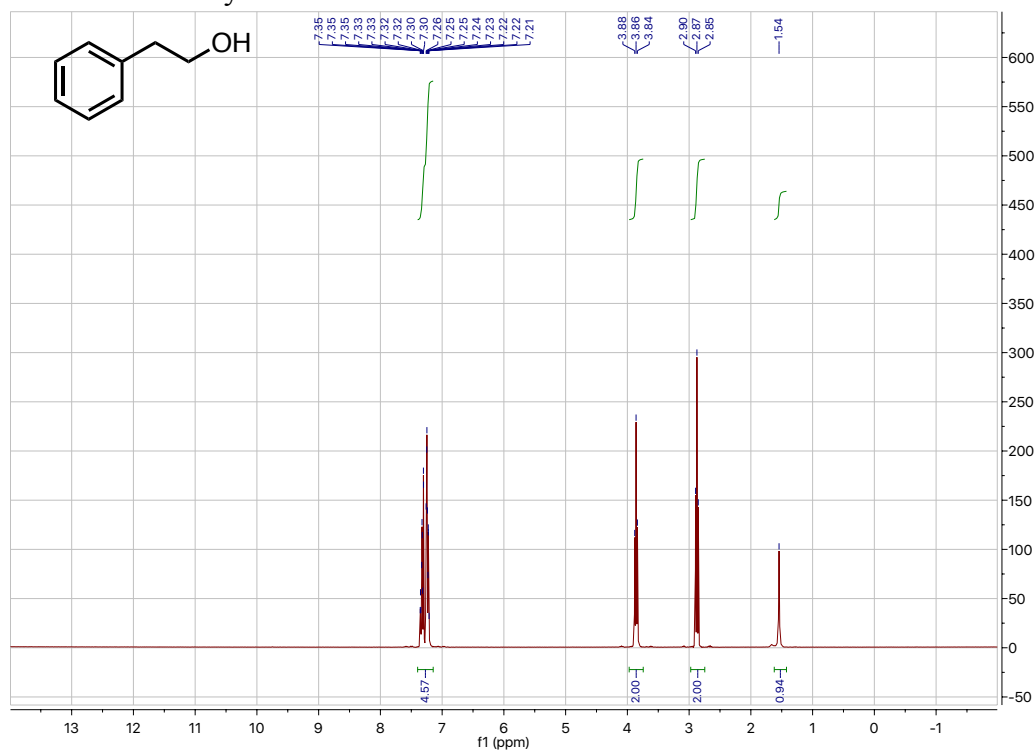
2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanol (13): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 3.88 (q, $J=6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, $J=6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.56 (t, $J=5.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 139.75, 132.59 (q, $J=1.5$ Hz), 130.96 (q, $J=32.1$ Hz), 129.05, 125.83 (q, $J=3.8$ Hz), 123.46 (q, $J=3.8$ Hz), 122.48, 63.40, 39.01; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.62.

2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanol (14): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.30 (m, 3H), 3.87 (t, $J=6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, $J=6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.04 (q, $J=1.7$ Hz), 131.81, 131.71, 128.94 (q, $J=29.7$ Hz), 126.53, 126.16 (q, $J=5.8$ Hz), 124.54 (q, $J=273.7$ Hz), 63.27, 35.93; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -59.44.

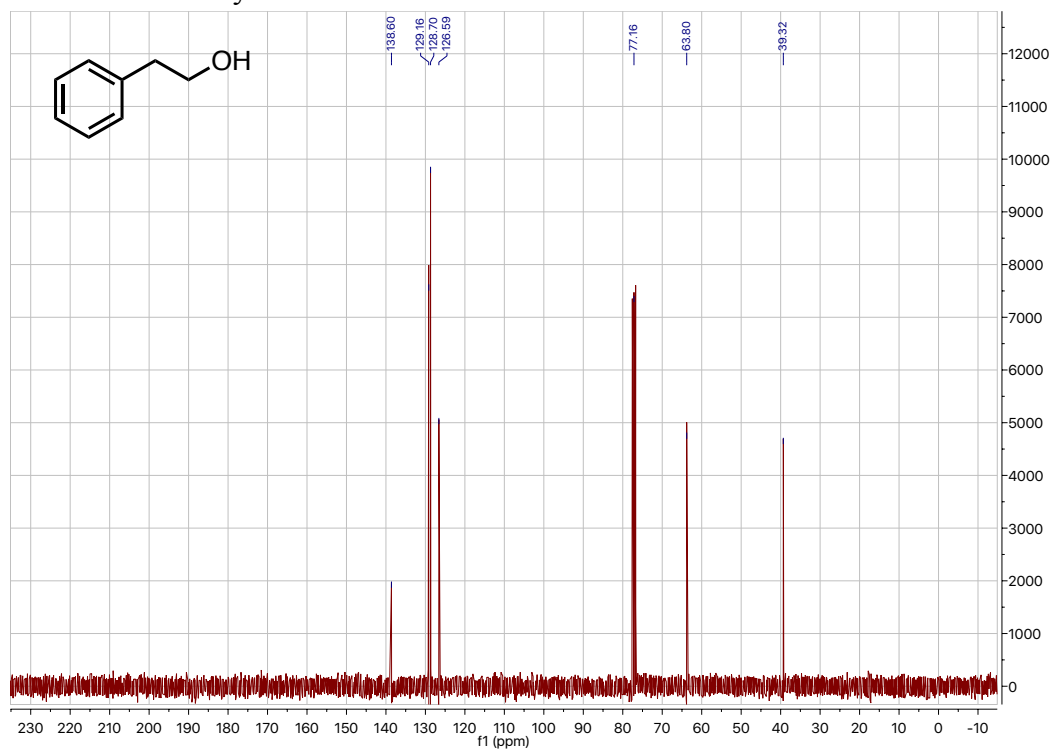
2-phenyl-1-propanol (15): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37–7.21 (m, 5H), 3.70 (d, $J=6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.95 (q, $J=6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 1H), 1.28 (d, $J=7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.77, 128.76, 127.61, 126.80, 68.84, 42.56, 17.71.

1-phenyl-2-propanol (16): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.07–3.98 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J=13.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, $J=13.4, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H), 1.25 (d, $J=6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.62, 129.52, 128.68, 126.62, 69.01, 45.92, 22.92.

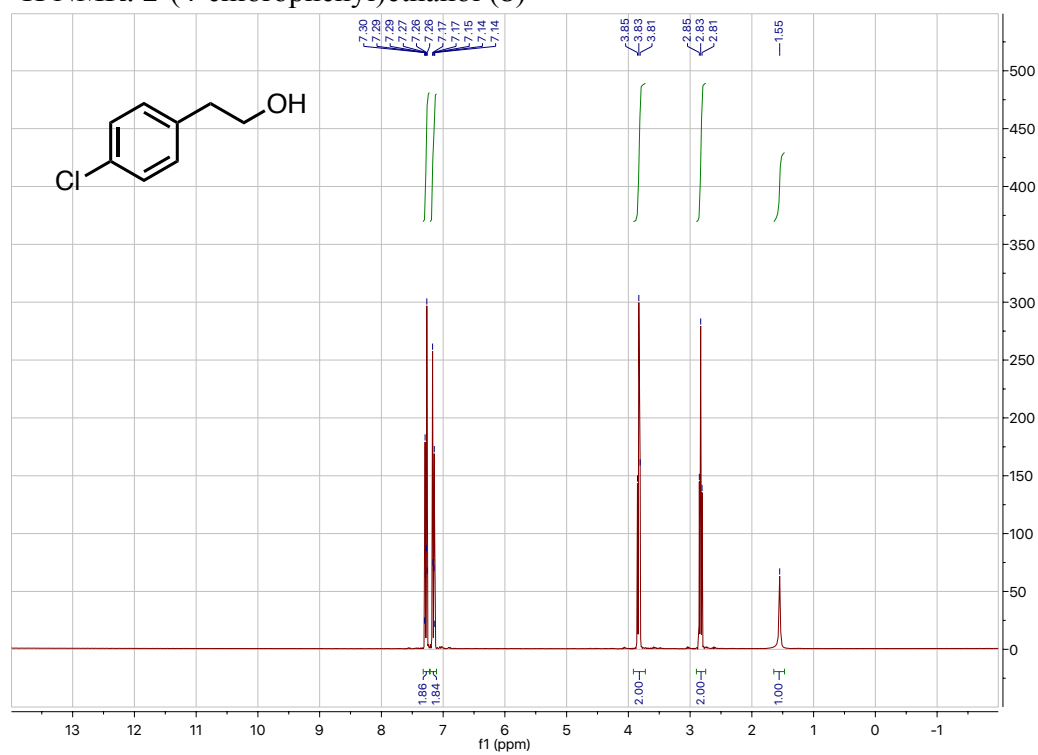
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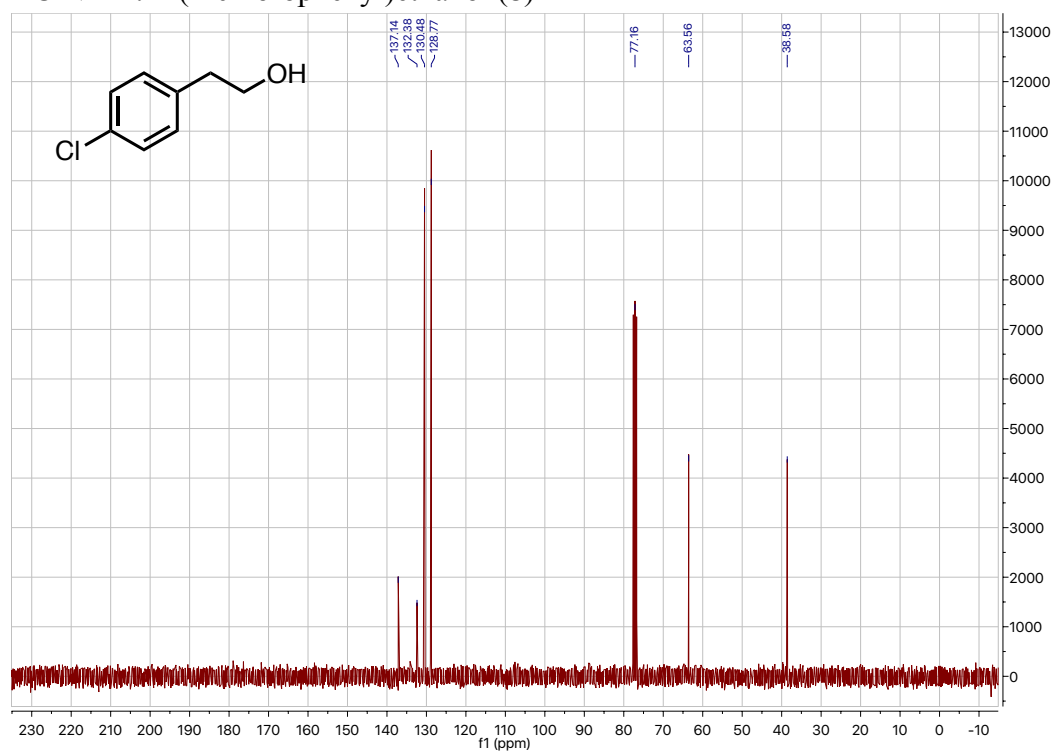
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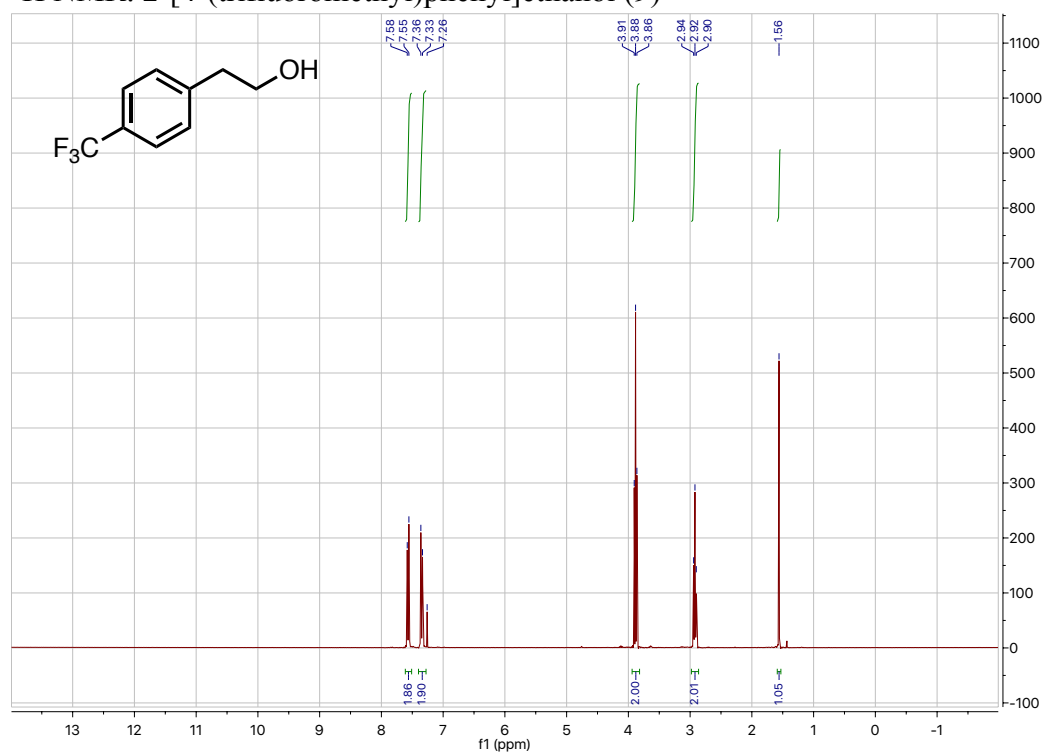
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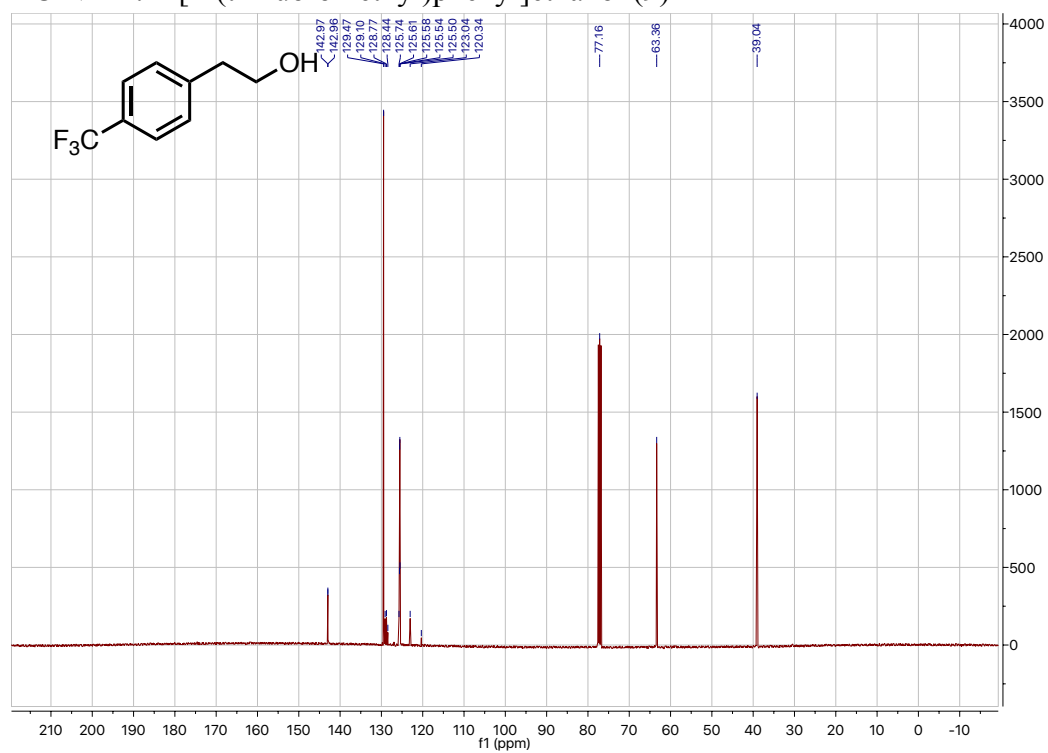
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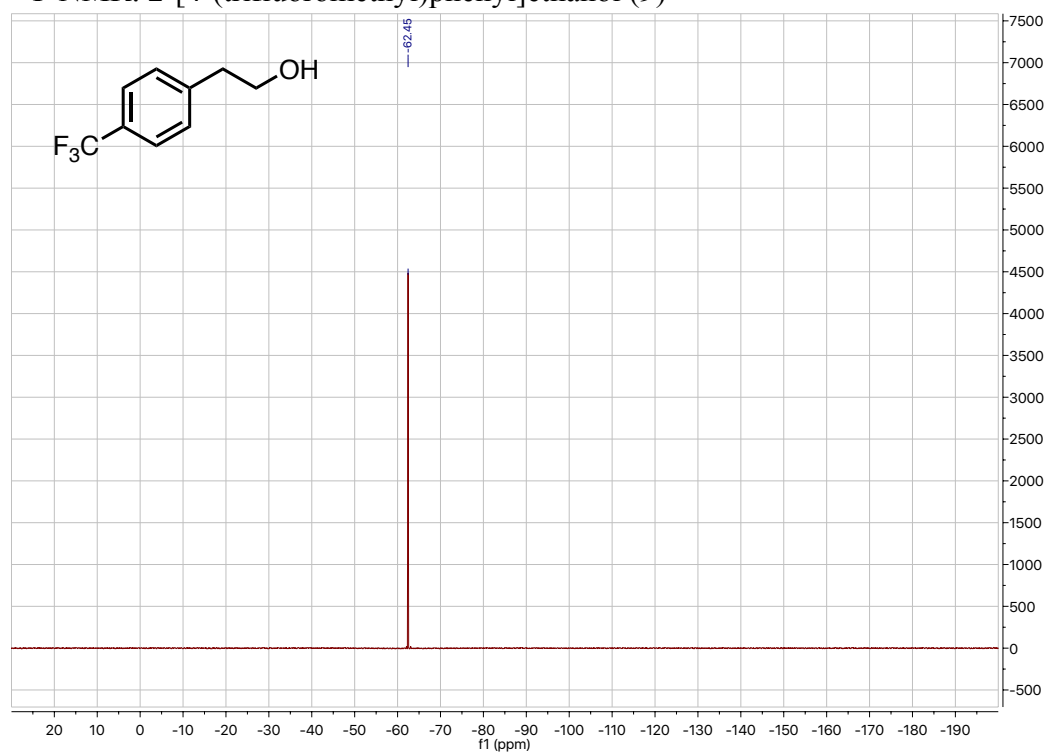
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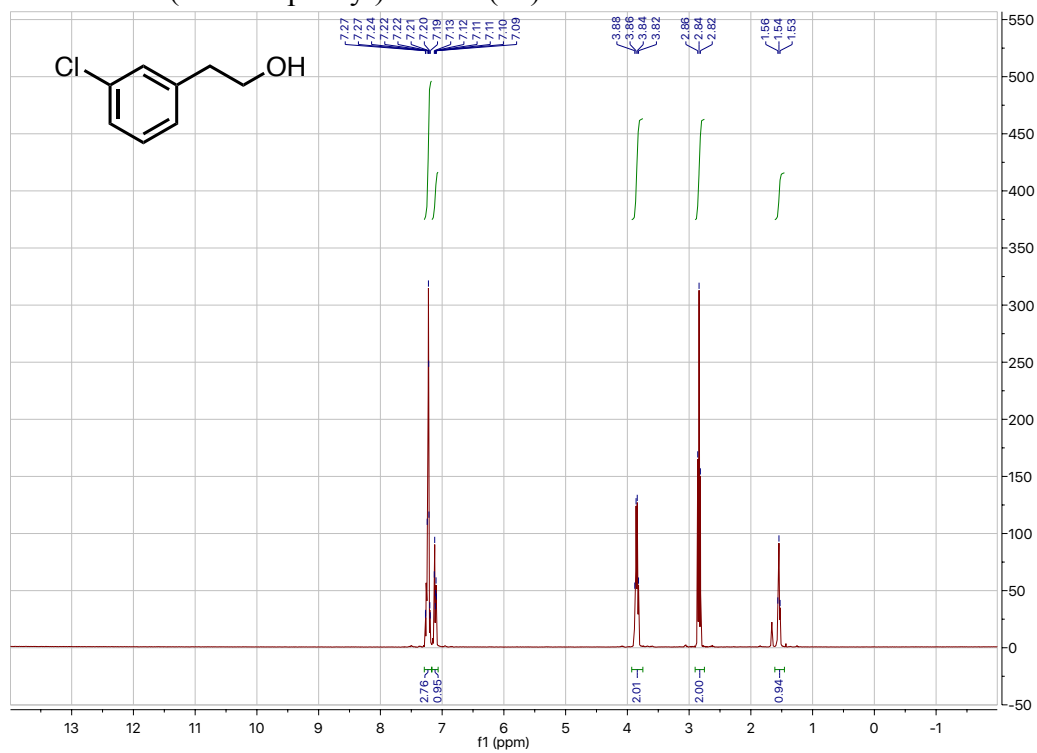
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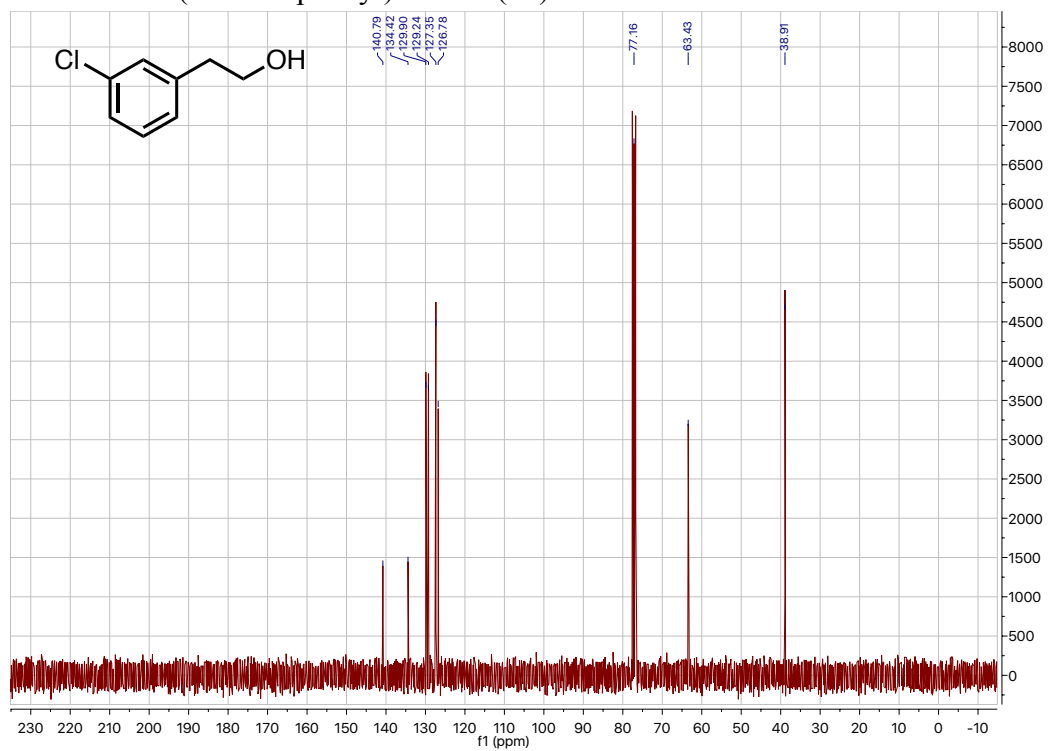
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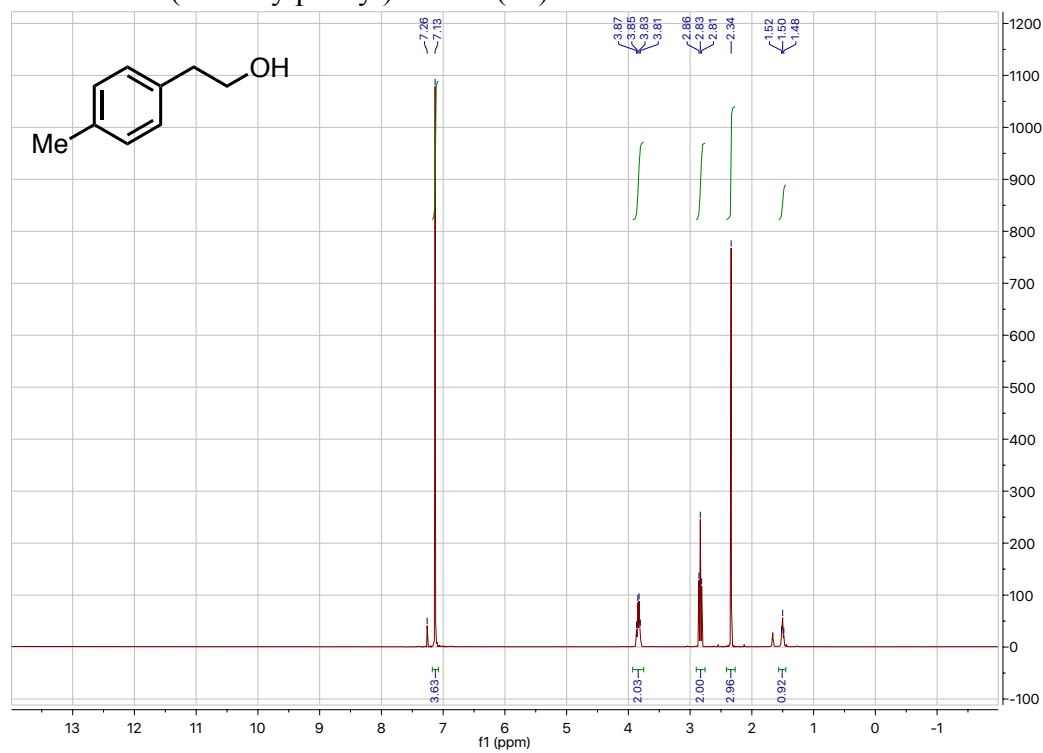
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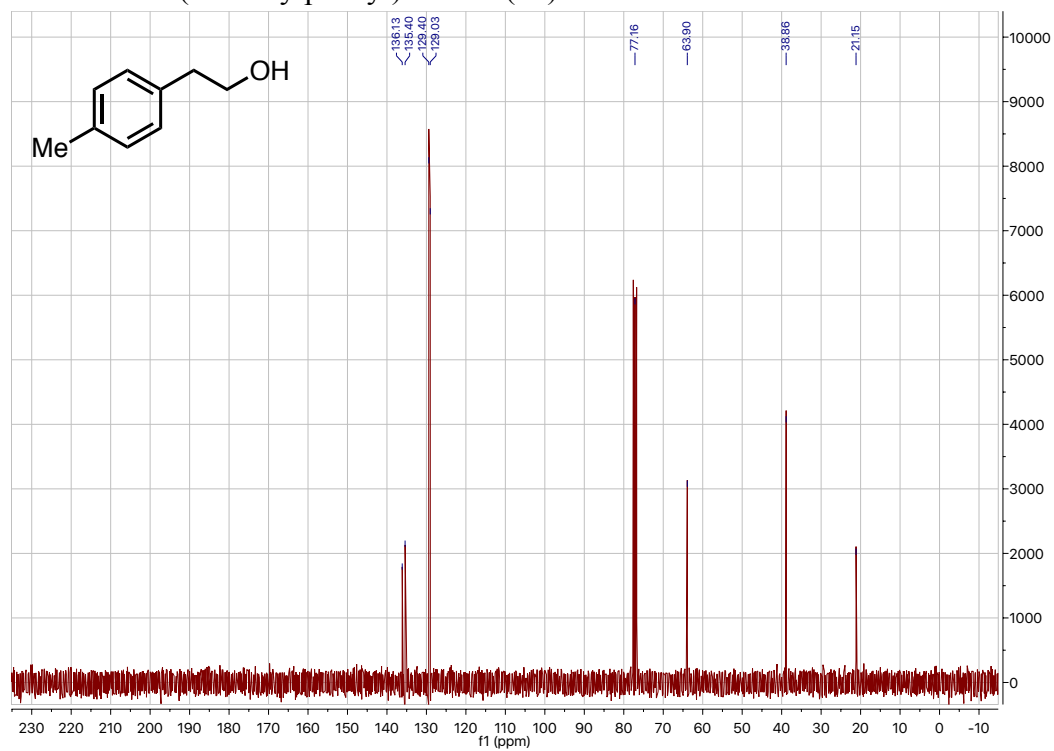
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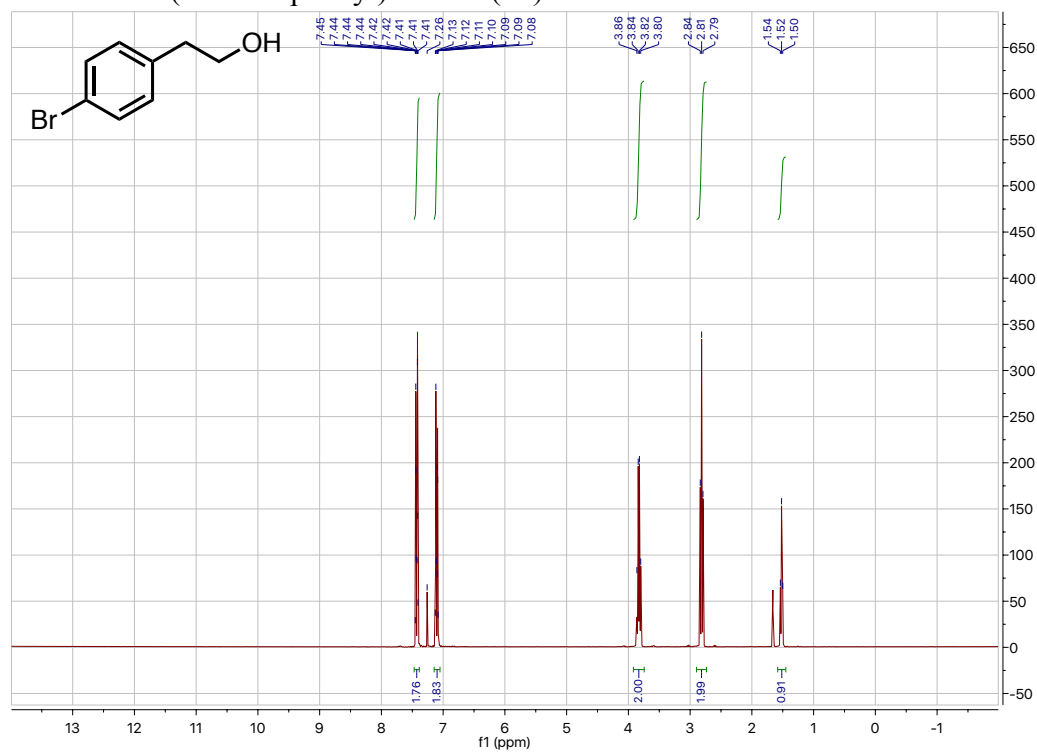
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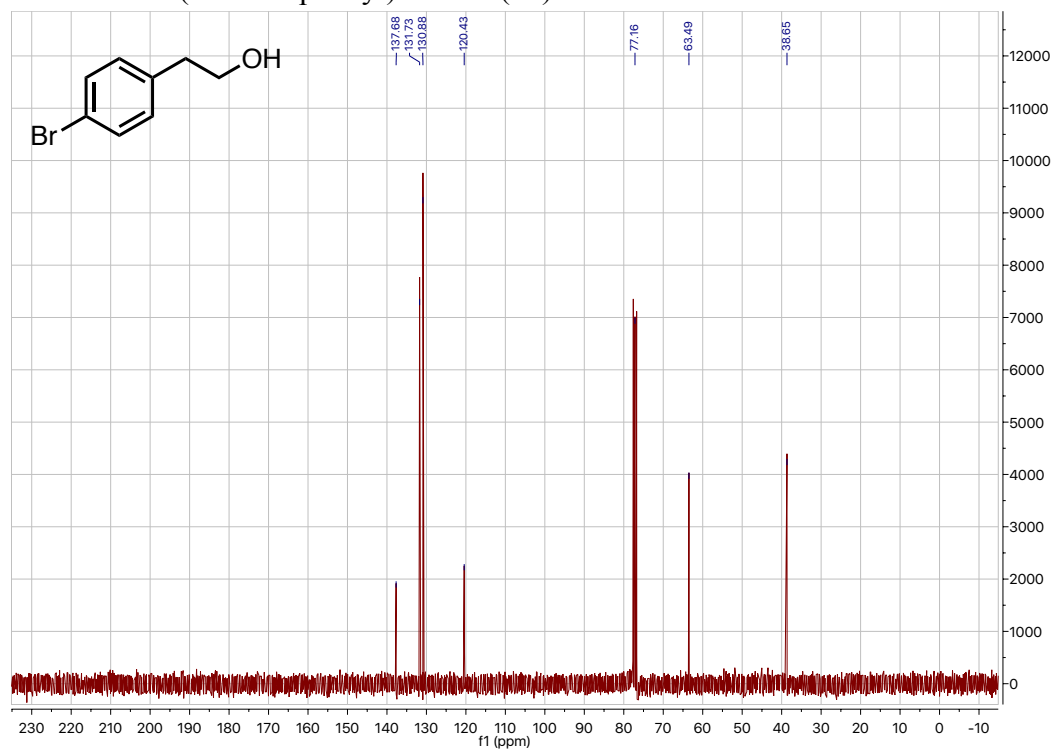
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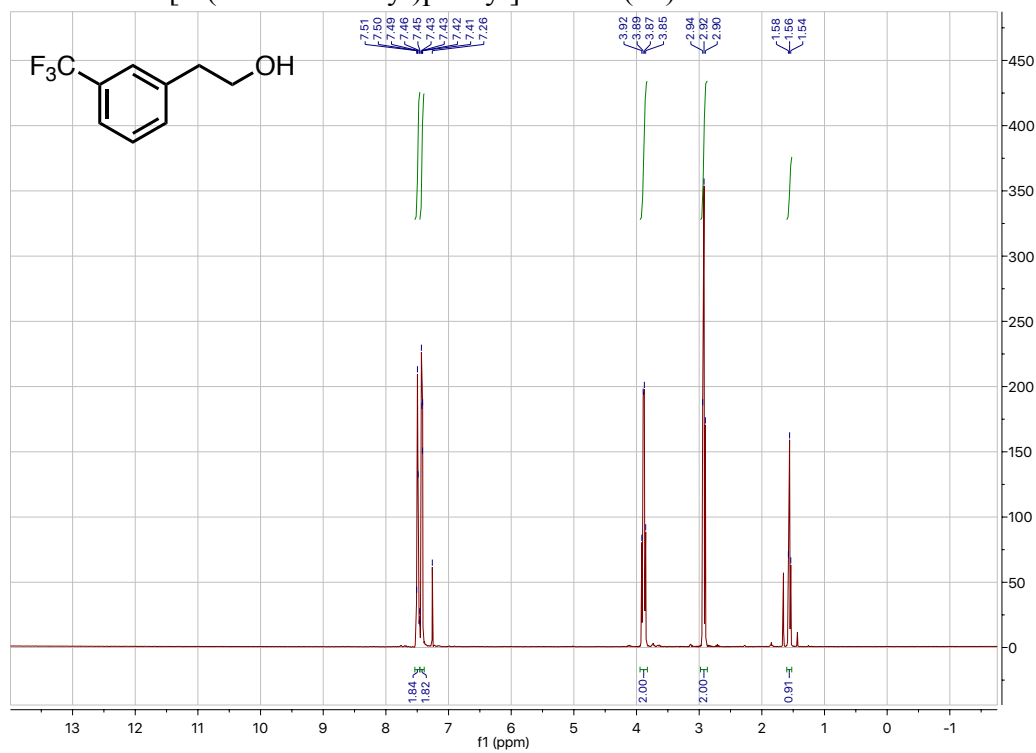
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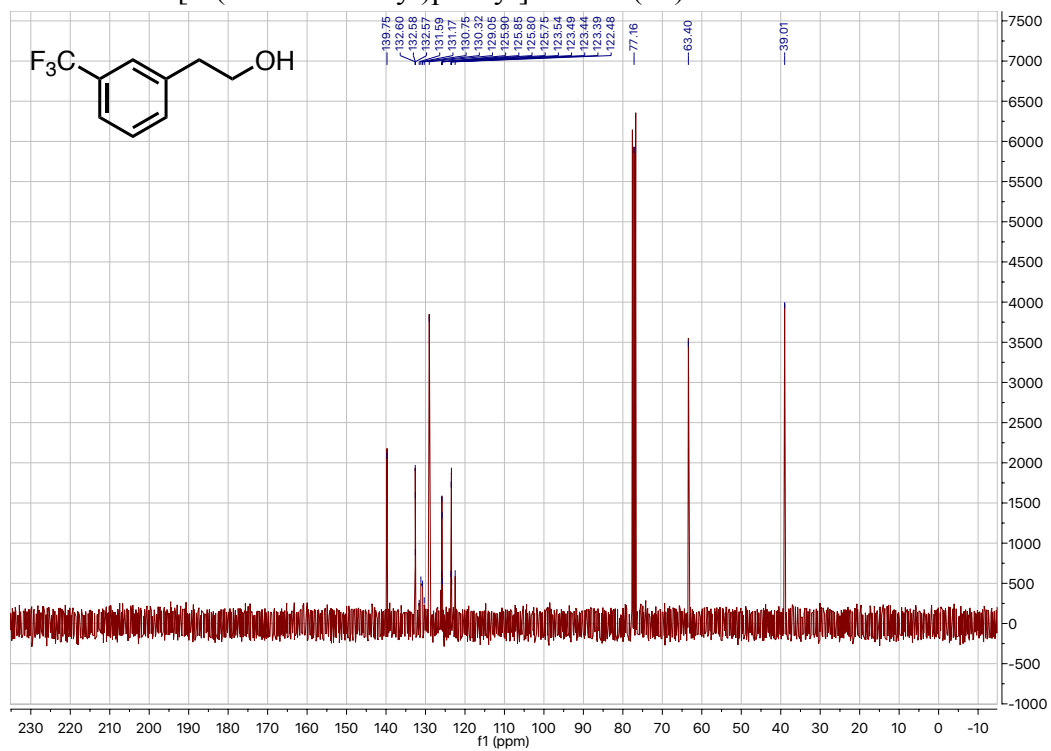
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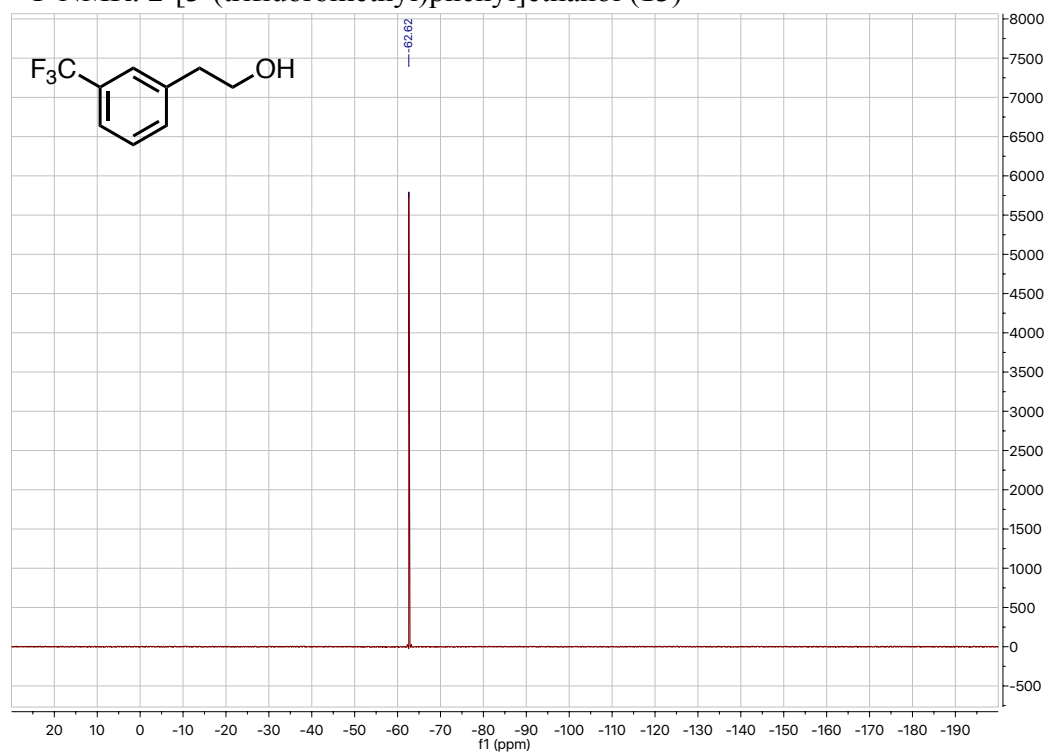
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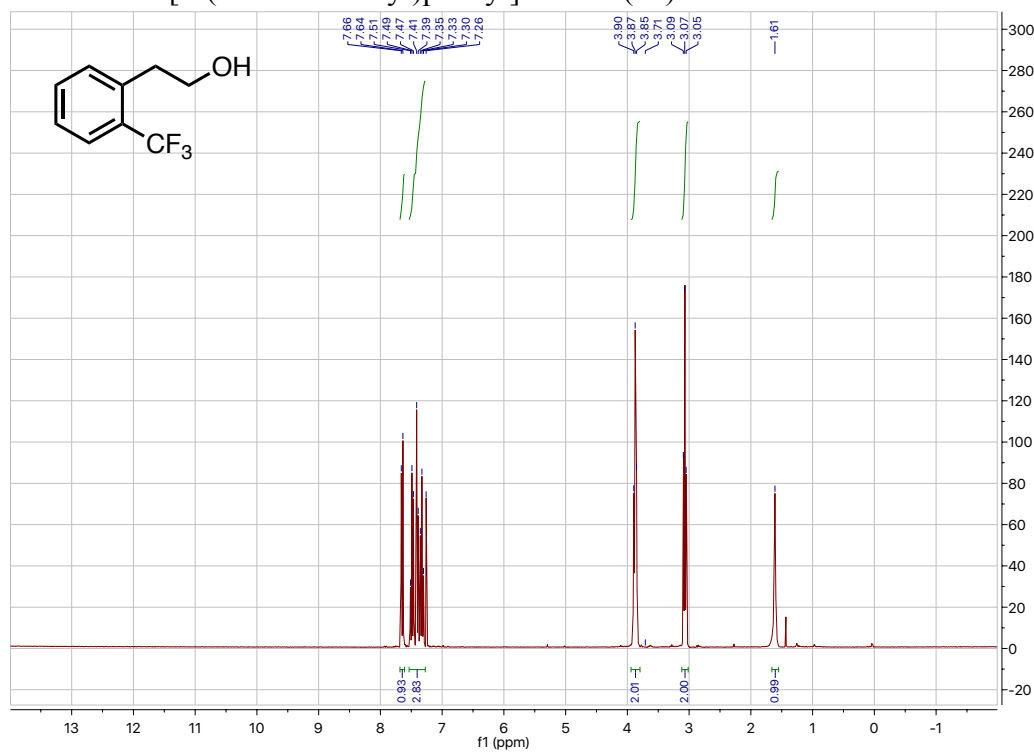
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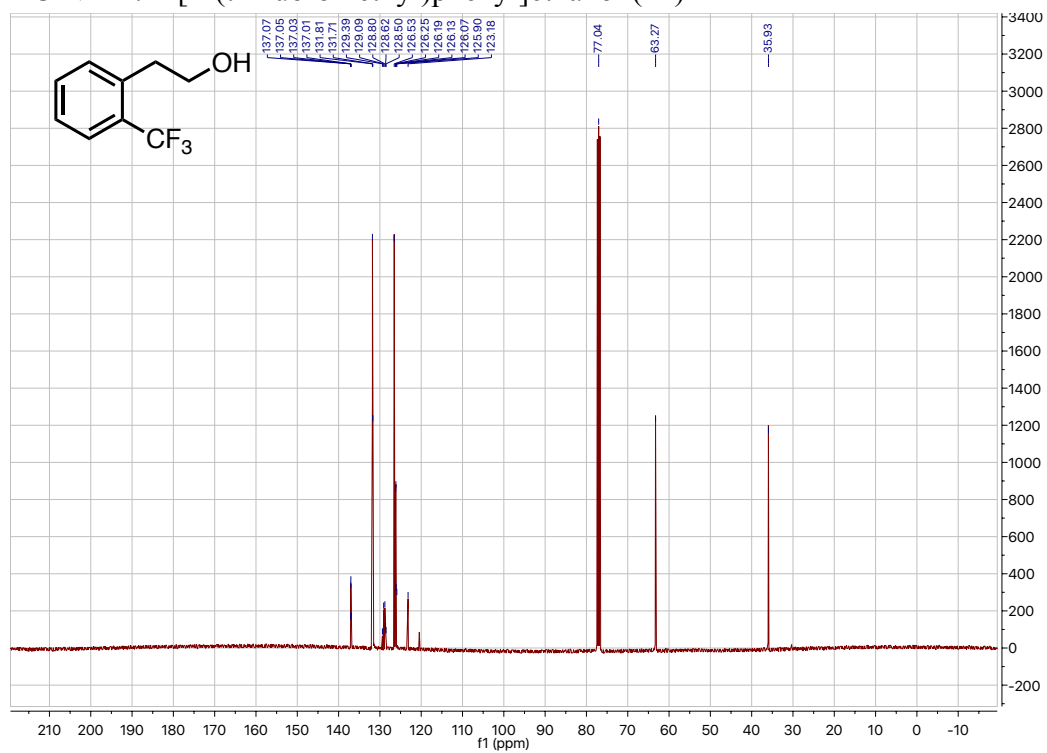
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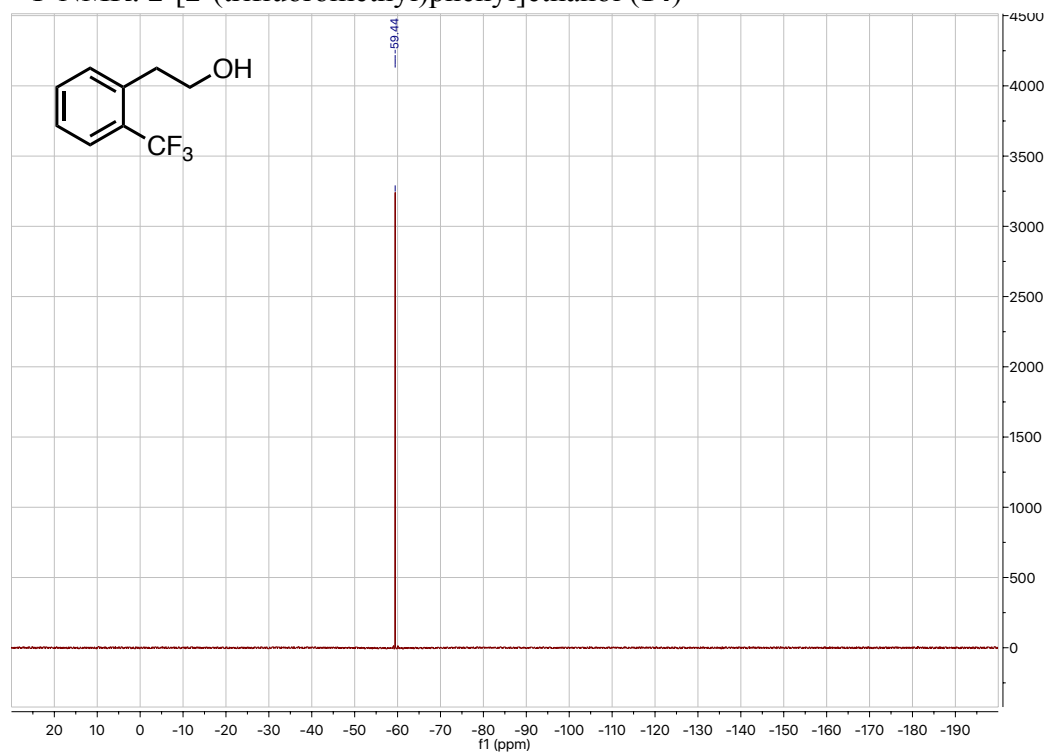
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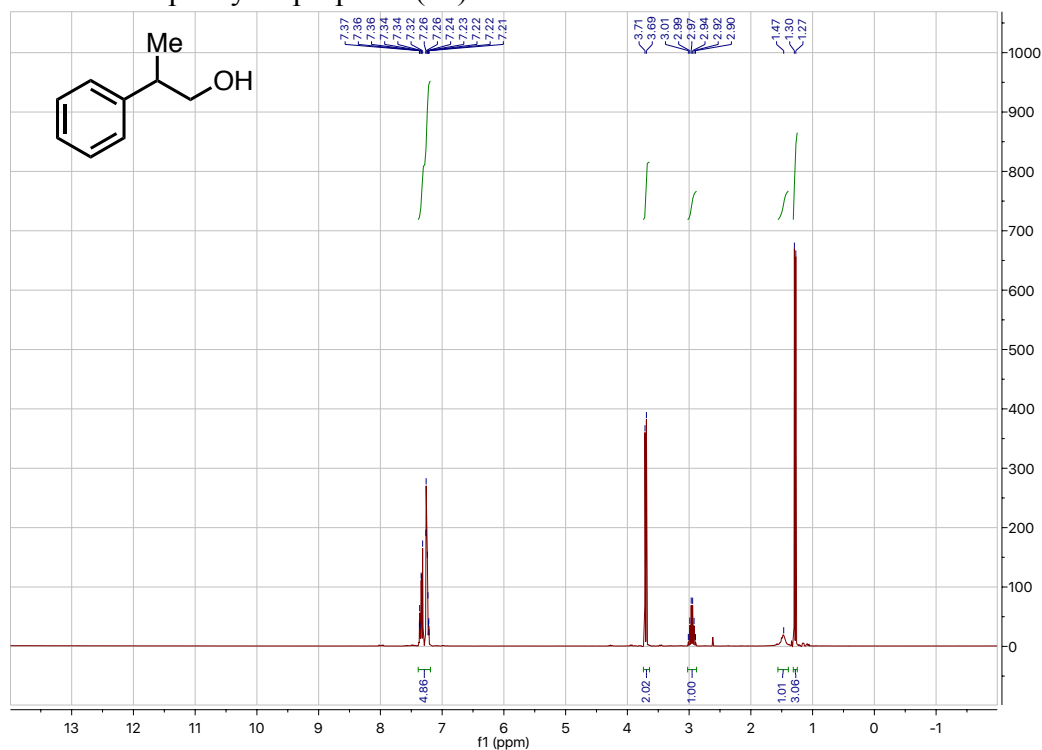
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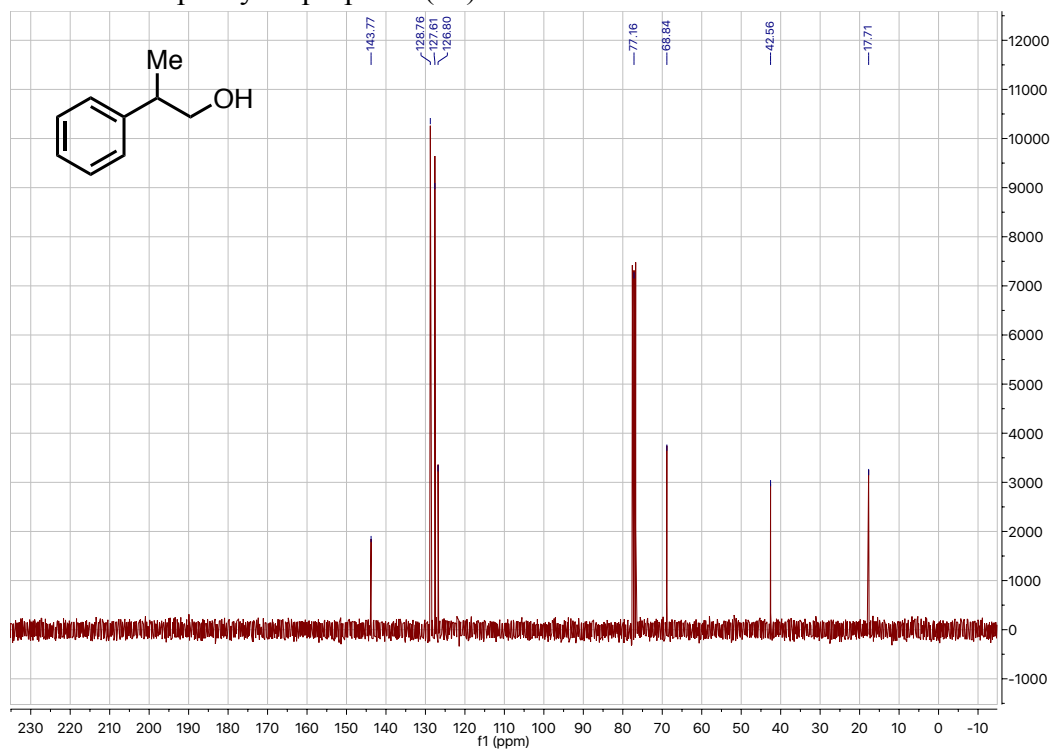
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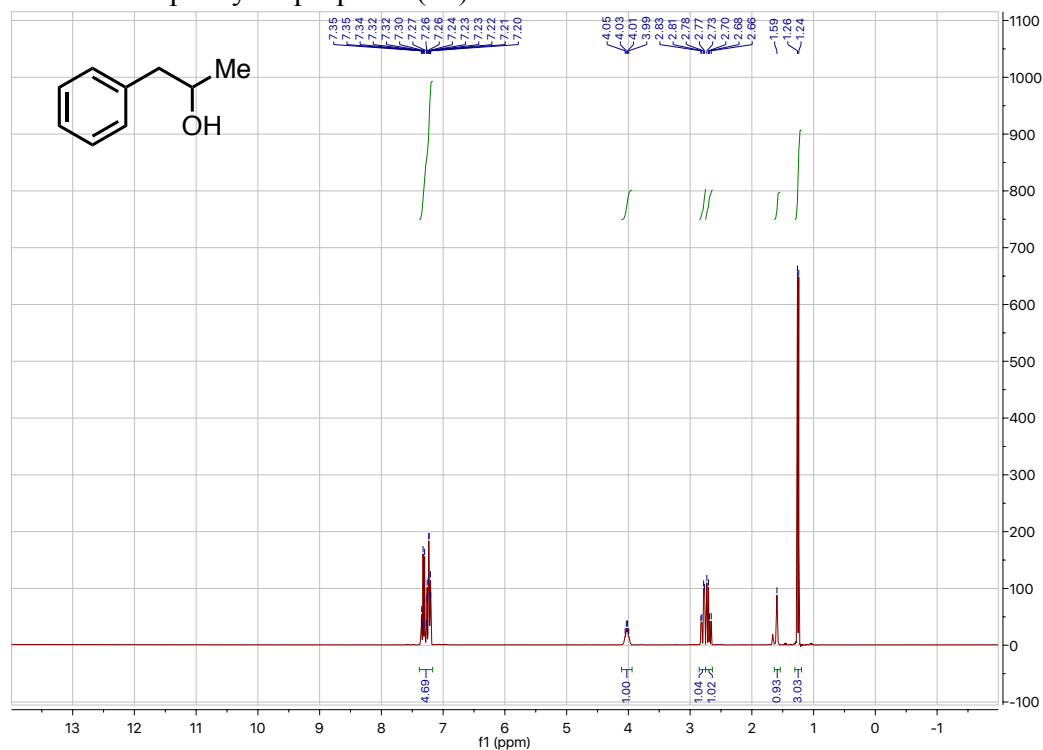
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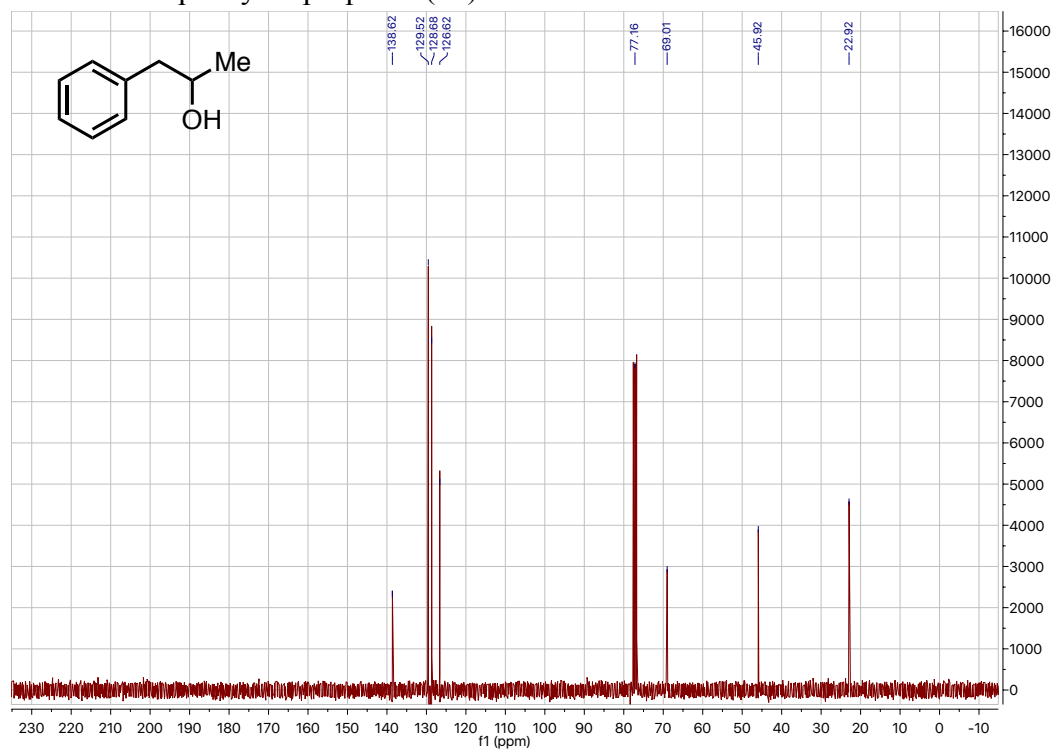
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¹H NMR: 1-phenyl-2-propanol (**16**)



¹³C NMR: 1-phenyl-2-propanol (**16**)



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